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Gandhiji Must Be Released 'In Govt.'s Own Interests'

SIR MAHARAJ SINGH ON NEED FOR CONGRESS-LEAGUE SETTLEMENT

NEW DELHI, March 19.

"I believe the Mahatma's unconditional release would have been in the interests of Government, for as a free man, he would no doubt have condemned sabotage and other acts of violence and might also have seen his way to a re-examination of the Indian political situation,' said Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, delivering his Presidential Address at the 25th Session of the All-India Conference of Indian Christians, which commenced here this evening.

Plea For Leaders' Conference

Sir Maharaj Singh added: "I feel even at this late stage that a small conference of Hindu, Muslim, Indian Christian, Sikh and Parsi leaders should be convened to deal with the present political situation, for there cannot be peace in India or full co-operation in the war effort while thousands of our fellow countrymen are in detention and sabotage continues."

SECURE HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY

Sir Maharaj Singh added:—"Merely to fold one's hands and tell the various political parties to come to an agreement is not consonant either with the duty or the dignity of the Government in power in India or elsewhere. But we Indians cannot blame only the Government for the unhappy plight in which India is placed. We also must share the responsibility and try to secure Hindu-Muslim unity, for without some agreement between the Congress and the Muslim League there would be no lasting solution of the problem of India."

TRIBUTE TO SAPRU & "C. R."

Sir Maharaj Singh paid a tribute to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Mr. Rajagopalachari "for doing their utmost to bring about a better feeling between Government and non-official Indians on the one side and Hindus and Muslims on the other," and said that the various non-party political conferences had done much good in spite of apparent failure and he hoped that they would be continued.

INDIANS FIRST, INDIANS LAST

Sir Maharaj Singh asserted that his community was not behind any other in its burning desire for a self-governing India in the immediate future, and while they were Christians and proud to be such so far as faith was concerned, in all other matters, they were Indians first and Indians last.

He maintained that the Minorities question was a world problem and would necessarily be one of the crucial difficulties crying for solution at the next Peace-Conference. While the Indian Christians were bound to sympathise with Muslims, who formed the second largest religious community in India, in their desire for the fullest protection of minority rights, he was of the view that no final decision could or should reasonably be expected at present on questions like Pakistan.

SUICIDAL

He appealed to Hindus and Muslims to postpone any final arrangement or decision on one side or the other, till peace had been restored. He considered talks of "fighting" for or against Pakistan highly injurious, indeed, they were suicidal for the only fighting that one could visualise was communal rioting on a large-scale and intensified ill-feeling.

SUPPORT TO ALLIES

"The Indian Christian community", he declared, "has been whole-hearterly in favour of the Allied cause as against any form of Fascism. This should continue to be our attitude. Though we have our grievances against the British Government, we believe, that the war against aggression in which they and many other nations are engaged is just and that the world cannot prosper under Nazism."

INDIAN CHRISTIANS' CLAIM

He complained that as the largest group among the small minorities, the claims of Indian Christians in the past for a fair share of appointments had not met with adequate consideration. He said: 'There is a strong feeling among us that the Executive Council of the Governor-General, which at present is a composite body representing different creeds, groups and interests, should contain an Indian Christian representative".

He said: "Our community has not only increased in numbers but

Raja Sir Maharaj Singh

I firmly believe that we have risen in the estimation of our fellow countrymen. We are now a recognised section of the population of India and will be increasingly so in the future. Difficulties and disappointments will, without doubt, lie in our path. Against one difficulty, I must particularly warn you, and that is, unnecessary disunion and internal dissensions, but with confidence in ourselves and with trust in Providence, our progress is assured."

CHRISTIANS AS PEACE-MAKERS

Sir Frederick James, M.L.A., (Central), in a brief greeting address to the Conference, said the Indian Christian Conference were peculiarly fitted for a mission of reconciliation in India. Although he would not say anything on the political situation in the country, consideration of which formed part of the agenda, he maintained it did call for most serious attention. He hoped that the Conference would do its best to perform the task of peace-makers.

Pandit H. N. Kunzru, Member, Council of State, who also addressed the Conference, said there was much in the situation in India, which was discouraging, but it was heartening to find the Indian Christian community striving for unity, when threats of divisions were overwhelming the country, and to think that Indian Christians were ready to place their country above communal considerations.

In his address, R. B. S. L. Ralliaram, Chairman of the Reception Committee, offered felicitations to Sir Maharaj Singh on his appointment as the Prime Minister of Kashmere.

Besides political situation and the representation of Indian Christians on the Executive Council, the agenda before the Conference include the Indian Christian Marriage Act, sale of mission property and co-operation with Roman Catholics. On each of these, the Conference, which will last two more days will pass resolutions.—A.P.

VALETTA (Malta):—R. A. F. torpedo-bombers on Wednesday attacked an Axis convoy off the south-eastern coast of Italy when at least three torpedo hits were scored on a very large tanker. —Reuter.

What Has Tojo Up His Sleeves?

Scheme To Cajole China Into Separate Peace

(From A Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, March 19.

Mr. O. M. Green writing in the "Daily Mail" on "Watch Tojo", says that Gen. Tojo made a startling speech since his return from China. It is worth looking into the meaning of this speech. For behind it lies a scheme to cajole China into a separate peace, deny her airfields to the Allies and release a million Japanese soldiers now tied up in China for use elsewhere.

BAIT TO NANKING

Mr. Green visualises Gen. Tojo giving the Nanking Government a measure of responsibility and thus restoring peace in occupied China.

"If Tojo could produce a peace picture and contentment for Eastern China, what argument it would be to persuade Chungking to make peace?" Mr. Green asks.

There are rumours that Japan is already withdrawing troops from China.

PHILLIPS FOR TRIVANDRUM

Interview With Rajaji Before Departure

MADRAS, March 19.

Mr. William Phillips left Madras this evening for Trivandrum by the Trivandrum Express.

Mr. Phillips had tea with Kumararajha Sir Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad this afternoon. Later, Mr. H. H. Howard, who was Mr. Phillips' host during his stay here entertained him at an informal supper party, before he took train for Trivandrum.

Mr. Phillips was seen off at the station by a large gathering, including Mr. Roy, E. B. Bower, American Consul in Madras, Mr. Nicho Las Feld, American Vice-Consul, Col. G. B. Howell, Military Secretary to H. E. the Governor and Mr. H. H. Howard.

Mr. William Phillips motored to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari's residence at Theagarayanagar and had discussions with him for half an hour from 2-30 to 3 p. m. to-day.

Mr. William Phillips visited a number of places of interest in the city this morning, including the Fort St. George and the University of Madras.

Yesterday, he had luncheon with the Executive Committee of the European Association, Madras. He was entertained at dinner by Mr. Henry Wallace, Agent of the Chartered Bank, Madras Branch, and Mrs. Wallace.—A. P.

Post Office Will Not Transmit Them

NEW DELHI, March 19.

By an amendment of the Indian Post Office Rule, it is announced that no article shall be transmitted by post which has thereon, or on the cover thereof, any pictorial representation of a person who is a proclaimed offender, or who has been convicted of an offence punishable under Chapter VI of the Indian Penal Code or the Defence of India Rules or who has been directed to be detained under the Provisions of Rule 26 of the said Rules."—A. P.

Axis Navy Chiefs Meet In Italy

LONDON, March 19.

The Rome radio to-day disclosed that chiefs of German and Italian navies met in Italy on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It said that "friendly conversations took place".—Reuter.

Six Axis Ships Sunk In Mediterranean

TWO BRITISH SUBMARINES' TEN DAYS' RECORD

LONDON, March 19.

An Admiralty "communique" today states "within ten days, two of His Majesty's submarines operating in the Mediterranean have sunk four large enemy supply ships, a tanker of medium size and a small supply ship. In addition, they destroyed a naval auxiliary vessel and another small supply vessel.

Two of the large supply ships were torpedoed off Sicily while they were westbound with an escort of two destroyers and a sloop. The other two large supply ships were sunk off Northern Italy. The tanker was torpedoed of northwest Sicily and burst into flames She blew up almost immediately. All the others were engaged by gun fire.

Submarines which carried out the successful attacks are under the command of Lieut. Jan Lauchlan Mackay McGeogh and Lieut. Robert Julian Clutterbuck."—Reuter.

Kasturba Gets Heart Attacks

BOMBAY, March 19.

The Government of Bombay have issued the following communique:—

"Mrs. Gandhi has had two heart attacks during the course of this week. She has recovered from them and is now as well as can be expected in a person of her age.

But a recurrence of further attacks is unfortunately always a possibility.

She is being attended by Dr. Gilder in addition to Lt.-Col. B. Z. Shah.

Arrangements have also been made at her instance to provide her with a nurse companion of her own choice from the Central Provinces."—A. P.

INTERVIEW WITH GANDHIJI

Letter Addressed To Viceroy

It is understood that Dr. Sapru has addressed to the Viceroy a letter embodying the decisions of the leaders' conference in Bombay together with a formal request for permission to some of the leaders to interview Mahatma Gandhi.

The letter must have reached Delhi on Wednesday evening.

WINTRINGHAM KEEPS MUM

Story Of Episode Before Cripps' Departure For India

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, March 17.

Bank clerks, women who work as secretaries, typists, telephonists, formed the main crowd of middle-class audience last night at the Central Hall of Westminster where they listened for nearly three hours to the speeches by Sir Richard Acland, Messrs. Lionel-Fielden, Tom Wintringham, James Parkes (specialist on Jewish question and the problem of anti-Semitism).

They explained the programme of relatively new political organisation in the British Commonwealth.

Father Worlledge, Vicar of St. Barnabas, Westminster, presided.

Mr. Fielden dealt mainly with Britain's relation with India. He was listened to with great interest.

Tom Wintringham did not take the opportunity either to confirm or deny the rumour current for several months that when Sir S. Cripps left for India on his mission he telephoned Wintringham and asked him to keep himself ready for the Indian journey. Sir Stafford Cripps had hoped he would succeed in his mission!

Governors' Functions

BOMBAY, March 19.

The functions in connection with the public arrival of the Governor-Designate and the public departure of H. E. the Governor which were to take place on March 16th and March 18th and were postponed, will now take place on March 22 and March 24 respectively. The swearing-in of the Governor-Designate will also take place on March 24.

The times by which the invitees to the three functions should be in their seats are 3 p.m. for the arrival function, 10 a.m. for the departure and 12-25 p.m. for the swearing in. Admission cards already issued hold good for the revised dates.—A. P.

LONDON:—Three German aircraft were destroyed over East Anglia on Thursday night. Bombs caused damage and small number of casualties.—Reuter.

Allied Advance In Tunisia

El Guettar Captured: Battering Of Mareth Line Continues

LONDON, March 19.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa: A 'communique' announces the capture of El Guettar 12 miles south-east of Gafsa by Allied forces. The Eighth Army continued normal patrol activity resulting in slight local adjustments during the past 24 hours.

ALGIERS: An American commentator said: "In Northern Tunisia, Allied forces now hold positions three miles south-west of Tamera. New enemy attacks against this position were beaten off yesterday.

BR. TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM TAMERA

Reuter's special correspondent from Allied Headquarters, North Africa wires:— The Eighth Army's adjustments along the Mareth Line were in keeping with previous day's improvement of its positions. In Northern Tunisia, constant pressure by the enemy compelled withdrawal from Tamera of British troops who now hold positions south-west of the village. This withdrawal took place on Wednesday night. Yesterday, Arnim tried to attack our new positions but Axis forces were beaten off. Arnim's new gain brings him to within two miles of the important road junction.

HAZARE SCORES 203 (Not Out)

Cyclonists Make 446 For 4 Against Famine Team

(Details On Page 7)

Djeoel Abiod, the scene of the first engagement in the Tunisian campaign exactly four months ago.

BATTERING OF MARETH LINE

Despite exceedingly bad weather conditions, the R. A. F. went into action in this area. Bombers and Spitfires scored direct hits on buildings and motor transport in the railway station at Tamera. They are maintaining their daily battering of the Mareth Line. The Western Desert air force raided enemy motor transport near Mareth and the Mareth village itself.

American forces in Tunisia are now commanded by General Patton, America's foremost tank expert under General Alexander. General Patton commanded the First American Tank Brigade in France during the last war.

EAST AFRICAN CHIEFS' TOUR

It is announced that six important East African Chiefs including the Prime Minister of Uganda have just completed a ten thousand miles tour of the Middle East where they have been visiting African troops from Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika. The tour which extended from Tobruk in the west to Jerusalem in the east was to enable the chiefs to give the people of East Africa news of their troops in the Middle East.

NAPLES BOMBED

ROME: To-day's 'communique' says that enemy planes yesterday dropped bombs on Naples and in the province of Syracuse.—Reuter.

60 ARRESTS AT LUCKNOW

Sequel To Attempt To Take Out Banned Processions

LUCKNOW, March 19.

About 60 Sunnis were arrested to-day at Lucknow for defying the District Magistrate's order under Section 144 Cr. P. C. banning the taking out of processions.

Parties of Sunnis, reciting "madhe-sahaba" attempted to take out processions in different parts of the city. Police parties however threw cordons round them and took them into custody. —A P

CONFERENCES FOR POST-WAR RELIEF

WASHINGTON, March 19

President Roosevelt to-day, told the Press Conference that he wanted to avoid National Service Legislation as long as possibly could. No decision had been reached on the question of drafting workers for war industries.

President Roosevelt disclosed that perhaps six United Nations conferences might be called to consider the various phases of post-war problems. Plans were already underway for a conference on food production and distribution to all populations of the world in the period following the end of war. President Roosevelt also said, there would probably be a meeting on post-war relief. Beyond that he said there might be two or three or four other conferences mainly in the field of economics and finance.—Reuter.

Fighting Breaks Out In Mayu Peninsula

Japanese Dig In In Hills North Of Rathedaung In Burma

NEW DELHI, March 19.

Yesterday fighting broke out again on the Mayu Peninsula, says India Command Joint War Communique.

East of the Mayu river Japanese pressure has slackened.

JAPS DIG IN

Fighting continues in the area of Taungmaw some 16 miles north of Rathedaung. The enemy has dug in in the hills east of this village.

During the day the R. A. F. continued to support our land forces. Bombers and fighters were active over the whole battle area. Many targets including a Japanese headquarters in the Donbaik sector, was successfully attacked. Hits were observed on all the targets bombed, and enemy positions were machine-gunned by low-flying "hurricanes." Other fighters on offensive patrol over many parts of enemy occupied Burma, shot up road and rail traffic. Near Singon, in the upper valley of the Irrawaddy an enemy convoy of three lorries and two staff cars were strafed. Four of the vehicles were set on fire.

ENEMY RAIDS

Yesterday afternoon a formation of enemy aircraft which appeared over the area north of Rathedaung was engaged by our fighters and several combats ensued.

Last night our bombers attacked various objectives in Burma including Heho aerodrome, Akyab town and the railway marshalling yards at Mandalay. Bombs were seen to burst on all the targets and fires were left burning.

From these operations none of our aircraft is missing.

MYITNGE BRIDGE BOMBED

The Tenth Air Force medium-bombers attacked the railroad and highway approaches to the Myitnge Bridge at noon on March 17, says a Communique issued by Rear Echelon Headquarters United States Army Forces China-Burma-India. Direct hits were scored on both tracks and road north of the Bridge.

On the same day, the Tenth Air Force fighter-bombers attacked the railroad bridge about four miles north-west of Myitkyina and succeeded in scoring ten direct hits on bridge and tracks. Other fighter-bombers attacked the road bridge at Kadrangyang in the Hukawng valley of Northern Burma. The bridge and road were both damaged. A concentration of enemy motor trucks was heavily strafed.

On March 18, our heavy bombers attacked Pazundaung bridge, six miles north of Rangoon. They hit the centre of the bridge squarely as well as damaging railroad tracks both north and south of the bridge itself. After they had left the target area our planes were intercepted by enemy fighters which continued to attack our formation for an hour. In this engagement one Japanese Zero fighter was shot down while a twin-engined enemy fighter was damaged. On March 18, our bombers also attacked Myitnge bridge and scored a direct hit on one of the central spans.

HALF VILLAGE DESTROYED

On the same date, our fighter bombers twice attacked a concentration of enemy troops a few miles north-east of Myitkyina. During this attack our planes bombed and strafed causing very many fires. Between 1/2 and 3/4 of this village—which the enemy had taken over—was destroyed in these two attacks.

From the above raids and engagements, all of our aircraft and personnel returned safely.

PIGEON-BOMBS

An ingenious bomb which blows apart in mid-air and releases a message-bearing carrier pigeon is the latest innovation in American military communications methods, according to U. S. Office of War Information. Tests with the bomb, devised by the U. S. Army Signal Corps, have been so successful that soon fighting-planes will carry them.

It was found that the best method of launching pigeons at altitudes under 10,000 feet was to put the birds in a slit paper bag to protect the feathers from the propeller backwash. After falling a few hundred feet the bag blows off and the bird is free to soar away.

Above 10,000 feet the air is too rarified to support a pigeon in flight, so the "bomb" was invented. This is a canvas-covered wire tube held together with a timing device. By computing the known rate of speed of a falling body the time device can be set to open the projectile at any desired altitude. When the bomb falls apart the pigeon spreads its wings and heads home.

Pigeon bombs will be used when scouting planes are maintaining radio silence while watching enemy troops or ship movements.

STOP PRESS

U-BOAT YARD BOMBED

LONDON, March 19.

American heavy bombers "dumped record load of heavy explosive upon the vital U-boat yard at Vegesack in north-east Germany on Thursday.

Photographs show that daylight highlevel precision bombing was "particularly effective", says the United States Army Headquarters. —Reuter.

FUTURE OF BURMA

Maung Ohn's Poser To Powers In Letter To "Times"

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, March 18.

The Burmese correspondent Maung Ohn discussing the future of Colonies asks in a letter to the "Times": "If after victory is won, the people of Burma think it is in their own interest and of Asia and the world that they should join and form with Siam, French Indo-China, Malaya, Netherlands, India, Philippines a South-East Asian Regional Group or Federation, will the Powers concerned who have political and economic interests in those countries encourage and help such realization?"

MacArthur's Spokesman On Jap Shipping Losses

LONDON, March 19.

Allied Headquarters South-West Pacific: Warning against taking too optimistic a view of Japan's shipping losses Gen. MacArthur's spokesman said to-day: "It would be grave fallacy to believe that even the heavy destruction caused by our naval and air power has dangerously weakened the Japanese capacity for sea transport."

Questioned about the approximate figure of 1,800,000 tons given as Japan's commercial maritime losses, the spokesman said: "Unfortunately against this must be placed the estimated figure of 475,000 tons captured or otherwise obtained from neutrals and non-belligerents and 450,000 tons of new shipping estimated to have been built by Japan since the war began".—Reuter.

War Against Japs Must Be Conducted With Vigour

TORONTO, Mar. 19.

The Australian Minister to the United States, Sir Owen Dixon said to-day that the war against Japan must be conducted with vigour to keep her from reaching a strength so great that her defeat became a formidable task for the United Nations notwithstanding concentration of their forces against her. He added: "We cannot afford to be unduly optimistic about the time we shall take to bring about the collapse of Germany. But we may be sure, when the forces of Great Britain are released from that gigantic task, they will be concentrated on the Pacific war."

Referring to the prospect of a Japanese invasion of Australia, he said, "early last year they failed to move against the Australian mainland when its defences were relatively weak. It does not follow that the present preparations do not threaten the continent."—Reuter.

On Pacific Front

JAP POSITIONS BOMBED

WASHINGTON, March 19.

Japanese positions in Vila, Kahili and Balale were bombed yesterday, says a Navy Department 'communique.' The 'communique' said: "South-Pacific: On March 18 United States Army "Flying Fortresses" carried out minor attacks against Japanese positions on Kahili and Ballalé in the Shortland Island area and on Vila in the Central Solomons. The results were not observed.—Reuter.

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(Sd/) H. E. JONES,
Manager.

Bombay, 20th March, 1943. 3808

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THAKKAR SHAMJI UMARSEY, VITHALDAS LAXMIDAS, MANGALDAS SHAMJI, NANJI TOKERSEY and PARVATIBAI, widow of Ratansey Tulsidas, Trustees under the Deed of Trust, dated 1st October, 1930 all of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitants, have contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to my client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property, by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his Office at 22 Kazi Sayad Street, Shak Galli, Mandvi, Bombay 9, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTIES

FIRSTLY—All that piece or parcel of Fazandari land, containing by admeasurement two hundred and fifty square yards or thereabouts together with the messuage, tenement or building standing thereon, assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under B Ward No. 3341, Street Nos. 56-64, all which premises are situate at and on the South side of Umerkhadi Road at Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and are bounded, on or towards the East by the said Umerkhadi Road, on or towards the West by the Sweepers passage, and beyond that by the property belonging to His Highness Aga Khan, on or towards the North partly by the said Umerkhadi Road, partly by the property of Ramji Krishnaji Bhosle and partly by the property belonging to His Highness Aga Khan and on or towards the South by the property of Abedin Peerbhoy and which said hereditaments and premises are now in the occupation of the tenants of the Vendors.

SECONDLY:—All that piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground, together with the messuage tenements or dwelling house standing thereon, situate at Umerkhadi Street, on the North side of Dongri Bazar, Cross Lane, outside the Fort, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement nineteen feet in breadth and twenty-nine feet in length, assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes formerly under No. 12 and now under B Ward 3342 and Street Nos. 66-68 and bounded on the East and South by the property firstly above described, on the West by the property of His Highness Aga Khan and on the North by the said Umerkhadi Street and which said hereditaments and premises are now in the occupation of the tenants the Vendors.

Both the said properties firstly and secondly described herein are part of New Survey No. 3166, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1783 Mandvi Division.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1943

MEGHJI G. DHARAMSEY,
B.A., LL.B
Advocate for the Purchaser. 3794

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai BISMILLA, widow of Huseini Fakira on behalf of herself and as mother and natural guardian of her minor son Mahomed Hussein Fakira has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from all encumbrances.

ALL PERSONS having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes and to the undersigned at their office at Ali Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Quit and ground rent land or ground together with the messuage tenements or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Huzuria Street, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 114 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 1328, New No. 8490-8491 and Old Survey No. 3906-3905 and Cadastral Survey No. 11/6 Byculla Division and in the books of the Collector of Municipal Assessments under E Ward No. 340-341 and Street No. 112-112A and bounded as follows that is to say, On or towards the East by the said Huzuria Street, on or towards the West by a Sweeper's passage, on or towards the North by the property of Nurmahomed and on or towards the South by the property of Ebrahimji Karimji.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1943.

HOOSEINI DOCTOR & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (3817)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CAWASJI BEHRAMJI IRANI and Mrs. PIROJA CAWASJI IRANI, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Hamam Street, Hamam House, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY:—

All That piece or parcel of land of Freehold Tenure, containing by admeasurement Three Hundred Square Yards or thereabouts with the messuages tenements or dwelling house, standing thereon situate, lying and being at Grant Road Bridge South Side in the Town and Island of Bombay and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and Registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue jointly with other land under Collector's Old No. 355, New No. E/13865, Old Survey No. 198 and New Survey No. 1D/7346 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1238 of Girgaum Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 3646(4) and Street No. 17 and bounded as follows: i.e., on or towards the North by the Public Road South of Frere Bridge, on or towards the South by the property formerly of Jehangir Pestonji Boiwalla, but now of Shirinbai Jehangirji Dick, on or towards the East by Municipal Public Road, on or towards the West formerly by the property of Ebrahim Haji Esak and now of Hakimji Adamji Patni.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1943.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI,
Purchasers' Attorneys. 3818

NOTICE OF SALE

Mr. MANEKJI LIMJEE PARUCK has agreed to sell the undermentioned property. Persons claiming same by way of Mortgage, charge, gift, lease, lien, easement or, otherwise are required to notify their claim in writing to the undersigned within 14 days from this date, in default the claim will be deemed to be waived and the sale completed.

DESCRIPTION

Piece or parcel of land, with the building thereon area 269 sq. yds. in FORJETT STREET, Bombay, New Survey No. 1/7066 Cadastral Survey No. 10/644, D Ward No. 3411 (7), Street No. 14, bounded on the East by Forjett Street, West by the property now or formerly of Bhagwatsen Ganjawalla & Others, North by open space beyond which is the property of Haji Mahomed Cassam and South by the property of Rustomji Pastakia.

Dated this 17th day of March 1943

J. B. PANDYE,
Purchaser's Attorne
41, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay. 3816

Legal Notices

HIGH COURT O. O. C. J.

Suit No. 1188 of 1939.

Messrs. NARANDAS LAHOTI. ..... Plaintiffs.
vs.
DALCHAND CHOTHMAL and ors. ..... Defendants.
and
LAXMINARAYAN SHIVKISON. ..... Applicant.

To,
DALCHAND CHOTHMAL, Esqr.
The 1st defendant abovenamed.

THE APPLICANT has taken out a Chamber Summons against you before the Sitting Judge in Chambers at the High Court of Bombay, fixing the 26th day of March, 1943, at 11 O'clock. (S.T.) for hearing for an order:—(a) that you and Suganchand Laxminarayan the defendant No. 2 do execute a conveyance in favour of the Applicant and the Collector's and Municipal Transfer Forms within such time that may be fixed and (b) in default the Commissioner for Taking Accounts be directed to convey the properties to the Applicant and to execute the conveyance in his favour (c) that you and the defendant No. 2 do pay to the Applicant his costs of this application.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1943.

Messrs. KHANDVALA & CHHOTALAL,
Applicants Attorneys.

N. B.—Affidavit of Laxminarayan Shivkison dated 4-2-1943 will be used in support. (3796)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration with the exemplification of Probate of the Will annexed of the property and credits of BANDALI JAFFER alias BUNDEALLI JAFFER, late of Uganda, Kampala, Mahomedan, a merchant and landlord, who resided at the time of his death at Mahim, Bombay. ..... Deceased.

HOOSEINALLY MOOSABHOY VISRAM, of Bombay Khoja Mahomedan inhabitant, an attorney, of this Hon'ble Court, residing at Churchgate Street, Extension without the Fort, one of the duly constituted attorneys of the executors named in the Will of the said deceased. ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this 11th day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-three and in the seventh year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

Sd/-
G. G. MAHADEVI
for Prothonotary and Senior Master

Sd/- K. K. DASTUR

11th day of March, 1943.

Messrs. NAGINDAS HOOSEINALLY & CO.,
Petitioners' Attorneys.. (3786)

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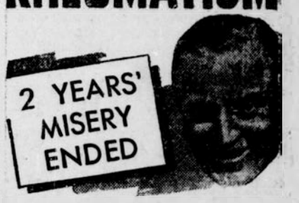

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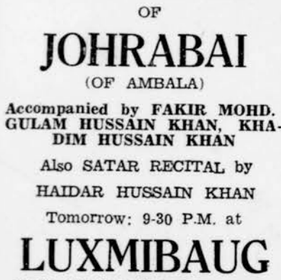

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(From Our Racing Correspondent)

Punters fared fairly well at Mahaluxmi when the programme for the third day of the Spring Meeting was decided.

The Maharaja of Gwalior was the only successful owner with a double which was very well supported.

Keen struggle for supremacy was witnessed in the chief event, the Willingdon Plate in which the first four horses passed the winning post in close order. Faux Pass scored in the event from National Flag and Don't Shoot. Usk was fourth and the fancied Fire Alarm fifth.

The Gwalior's Radio Man gained a pillar-to-post victory in the Stayer's Plate.

The following are the results:—

THE BUNDER ABBAS PLATE. Division II.—Distance 6 furlongs.
Mr Saleh Hassan's JANAB 8-12 Raut .. 1
Mr Joseph Nessim Abudy's HUBB AL WATAN 8-7 Chavan 2
H H the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior's RED BLINKERS 8-12 P. Khade 3
Mr Daud Shaul's KING 'KU 8-7 Fakruddin 4
All ran.
Won by: Short head, head, 1 1/2 lengths.
Time: 1 minute 25 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 32. Places Rs. 15 Rs. 20 and Rs. 26.
Trainer: K H Irani.

THE CUMBALLA PLATE. Division III.—Distance 5 furlongs.
The Raja of Akalkot and Shrimant Jaysinhrao P Ghatge's MYSTERIOUS MISS 8-4 Virsingh 1
Mr F H Mehta's BUGLER 8-7 Raffaele 2
Mr Abdul Hakim Jasdanwalla's ROOP SUNDARI 8-4 Carr 3
H H the Maharaja of Idar's FLYING FORTRESS 8-7 Brace 4
All ran.
Won by: Neck, 1 length, 1/2 length.
Time: 1 minute 6 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 49. Places Rs. 17. Rs. 71 and Rs. 18.
Trainer: B R Patel.

THE BUNDER ABBAS PLATE. Division I.—Distance 6 furlongs.
Mr J D Banatwalla's ALA HONAK 8-12 Laloo 1
Mr Ahmed Abbas' HINDUSTAN 8-12 B Khalil 2
H H the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's GUIDING STAR 8-12 N Dawood 3
Messrs C N Permanand and Sayid Talib's JOWDAT AL IRAQ 8-12 Raffaele 4
Not run: Alexzandra and Solferino.
Won by head 3/4 length, head.
Time: 1 minute 24 1/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 54. Places Rs. 21. Rs. 72 and Rs. 68.
Trainer: K H Irani.

THE CUMBALLA PLATE. Division II.—Distance 5 furlongs.
H H Maharani Chimnabai Gaekwar of Baroda's ICE BOX 8-7 Rook 1
Mr N D Bagree's PINK DIAMOND 8-7 Raffaele 2
The Maharaja of Parlakimedi's LYDIA 8-4 B McQuade 3
Mr A M Khairaz's GOLDEN HEART 8-4 Stead 4
Not run: Zindabad and Magic Serenade.
Won by: 1 length, 2 lengths, 1 1/4 lengths.
Time: 1 minute 4 4/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 315. Places Rs 59. Rs. 18 and Rs. 15.
Trainer: J Thompson.

THE RENALA PLATE. Division II.—Distance 7 furlongs.
Mr Osman Chotani's HECTIC 9-0 V Jadhav 1
Mr Osman Chotani's PASHWANJI 9-0 Chavan 2
H H the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's ROYAL BLOOD 8-10 Diab 3
Capt A Svamvar's CALL TO ARMS 8-12 Raut 4
Not run: Money Gold, Manak Rani Taramati, Eastern Magic, Mexican Mini and Come Back.
Won by: 3 lengths, 2 lengths, 3 lengths.
Time: 1 minute 30 4/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs 28. Places Rs. 23 Rs 25 and Rs. 48.
Trainer: Habib Chotani.

THE CUMBALLA PLATE. Division I.—Distance 5 furlongs.
The Maharaja of Parlakimedi's CLITH EROE 8-7 B McQuade 1
H H the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior's KHAN BAHADUR 8-7 Jones 2
Lt.-Col. W. H. Kerr's PARAGON 8-7 Carr 3
H H the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's ROYAL WINDSOR 8-7 Britt 4
Not run: Princess Padma. Stop Press, Ivanhoe and Big Joy.
Won by: Short head, 1 length, 1 1/2 lengths
Time: 1 minute 3 4/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 168. Places Rs. 37, Rs. 37 and Rs. 19.
Trainer: D W Balfour

THE WILLINGDON PLATE.—Distance 1 mile.
Mr Reginald Foster's FAUX PASS 8-11 Carr 1
H H the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's NATIONAL FLAG 8-11 Britt 2
H H the Maharaja of Cooch Behar and H H the Maharani Chimnabai Gaekwar of Baroda's DON'T SHOOT 7-11 Raffaele 3
Mr M D Petit's USK 8-13 Evans 4
Not run: Llandaff and Hot Bun II.
Won by: Short head, short head, short head.
Time: 1 minute 41 3/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 54. Places Rs. 18, Rs. 22 and Rs. 25.
Trainer: E Ringstead.

THE STAYERS' PLATE.—Distance 1 1/2 miles.
H H the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior's RADIO MAN 8-9 Roberts 1
H H the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's SHALIVAHAN 9-0 N Singh 2
Mr M D Petit's AVON SONG 8-4 Evans 3
Mr E P A Fernando's RATH 8-4 Meekings 4
Not run: King of Sports.
Won by: 1 length, 2 lengths, short head.
Time: 2 minutes 39 2/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 24. Places Rs. 16. Rs. 47 and Rs. 46.
Trainer: Capt K P Jadhav.

THE RENALA PLATE. Division I.—Distance 7 furlongs.
H H the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior's MADHAV-VILLAS 8-7 Jones 1
H H the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior's MADAM POMPADOUR 8-5 Roberts .. 2
Messrs Amin and Firdaus' MEDALLION 9-7 Marrs 3
Lt.-Col. S O'Donel's EASTER MONDAY 8-0 Carr 4
Not run: Black Rod and Firouze.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 46. Places Rs. 59, Rs. 30 and Rs. 24.
Trainer: Capt. K P Jadhav.

CEYLON MUST WITHDRAW ANTI-INDIAN LEGISLATION

Sir P. Thakurdas On Combined War Effort For Larger Production Of Rubber

BOMBAY, March 18.

The opinion that if Indian Labour is essential for military purposes, it can be recruited as an integral part of the Indian Army as there can be no technical or administrative difficulty in corporating labour units for Ceylon in the Indian Army, is expressed by Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Chairman of the Imperial Indian Citizenship Association, in the course of a communication to the Government of India, Indians Overseas Department, regarding Ceylon's request for Indian Labour.

FOR LARGER PRODUCTION OF RUBBER

The Council of the Association, according to the letter, suggests that for larger production of rubber as a combined war effort of India and Ceylon, the Government of India may take over the rubber plantations and work them for the duration of war or for such period as may be necessitated by military requirements.

"The time is overdue", says the letter, "for the Government of India to tell the Government of Ceylon in unequivocal terms that unless Ceylon withdrew the existing anti-Indian legislation and agreed not to undertake any new legislation of this character, no amicable settlement of the outstanding problems between the two countries was possible."

DEGRADATION OF INDIAN MANHOOD

The letter concludes: "Under no circumstances should the Government of India be a party to an agreement involving further degradation of Indian manhood. Public opinion will not countenance again Indian labourers being reduced to the status of chattels. The public expects the Government of India to put a stop once and for all to this disgraceful treatment of Indian labour. These are the Council's concrete proposals for the creation of better relations between India and Ceylon."—United Press.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

SATURDAY, March 20.

Delhi I.—Programme

5 p.m. Wahid Qawwal and Party. 7-45 Yudhagathi: 5-15 Horian. 5-35 Filmi geet. 5-50 Benazir Bai. 6 Afzal Husain. 6-10 Instrumental duet. (Violin and Sarod). 6-15 Recitation 6-45 Air voice orchestra: 7 Raftar-I-Zamana. 7-15 Wahid Qawwal and Party. 7-30 The twain shall meet—5. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 Benazir Bai. 8-40 Afzal Husain. 8-45 Asad Ali Khan. 9-45 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 10 "Aram Haj" 10-45 Ghazalen aur geet

Bombay I.—Programme

8 a.m. Hirabai Barodekar 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 Azam Bai (Of Kolhapur). 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Namdeo Rao Bhoite. 9-25 Marathi pad. 9-35 Hiralal Nakshigara. 9-45 T. A. Motinath. 9-50 Jaltarang solo. 12-30 p.m. Ghazals. 12-45 News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 Variety. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour programme. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Namdeo Rao Bhoite. 5-25 Indian music. 5-35 Hiralal Nakshigara. 5-45 T. A. Motinath. 5-55 Local news and announcements. 6 Bachchon ke liye. 6-30 News in English. 6-40 News in Hindustani. 6-45 Programme for forces. 7-15 Ghazals. 7-30 Hiralal Nakshigara. 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Sandese. 8-20 "War on Land"—a B. B. C. talk recorded songs. 8-30 News and views behind the news. 8-45 Recorded messages. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 to 10-45 As in Delhi I.

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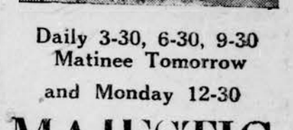

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TRADE AND FINANCE

PROFIT-TAKING IN SHARE BAZAR

Gold And Silver Steady

(From Our Special Correspondent)
Bombay, March 17

MONEY: Conditions in the local money market reflected little change as compared to the previous week. Day-to-day loans continued to be quoted at 1/4 per cent, 3 months' money at 3/4 per cent and 6 months at 1 per cent. For the sixth week in succession, the Treasury Bill rate remained unchanged at Rs. 1-4-11 per cent per annum. Bills sold on tap during the week amounted to only Rs. 35 lacs.

EXCHANGE: The rupee/sterling exchange market continued to be dull and featureless with a steady undertone. For interbank business, sellers of spot T T on London quoted 1s 5 31/32d and buyers 1s 5d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—
Sellers of T T on London (spot and upto six months) .. 1s 5 31/32d.
Buyers of T T on London (spot and upto six months) .. 1s 6 1/32d.
The sterling/dollar rate remained unchanged at 405 cents during the week.

GOLD: Prices in the gold market moved within a narrow range compared to the previous week, the undertone maintaining its strength. Ready gold opened at Rs. 71, declined to Rs. 70-4 on Saturday, but firmed up to Rs. 71-15 mid-week in sympathy with silver. Towards the close, the rate reacted to Rs. 70-8. Gold to be delivered in the April settlement was quoted even with spot throughout the week under review. The price of sovereigns moved between Rs. 50-10 and Rs. 51-2. Floating stocks of the metal are estimated to be about 75,000 tolas; arrivals from up-country are believed to have averaged about 3,000 tolas a day and the average daily offtake is put at 5,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 71-15 and Rs. 70-4 for spot and April settlement.

SILVER: The silver section of the local bullion market presented a picture of increased speculative activity with frequent and relatively wide movements. Although the cotton market was inclined to be on decline, silver prices were well-maintained throughout. Opening firm at Rs. 112, spot silver of .999 fineness declined to Rs. 110-8 on Saturday, but again advanced to Rs. 112-15 on Tuesday following the news of German successes on the Eastern Front. On account of profit-taking, the rate came down and closed at Rs. 110-4, April settlement silver stood at a discount of about 2 annas under spot. Ready silver of .916 fineness was quoted about 12 annas under the settlement rate. Stocks of the metal are said to be about 1,500 bars, whilst the average daily offtake is about 50 bars. The highest and lowest rates were: Rs. 112-15 and Rs. 110-4 for spot and Rs. 112-13 and Rs. 110-2 for April settlement.

GILTEDGED: The local giltedged market presented a dull appearance with very little business passing. 3 1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper remained static around Rs. 94 throughout. Amongst other dated bonds, 2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 loan stood unchanged at Rs. 99-2, 3 per cent 1946 bonds at Rs. 102-15 and 3 per cent 1963/65 loan at Rs. 95-8, 3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 loan was stagnant at Rs. 103-15, 4 per cent 1943 bonds at Rs. 101-3 and 4 per cent 1960/70 loan at Rs. 110-7. 5 per cent 1945/55 tax-free loan was neglected at Rs. 108-2 and 4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 loan at Rs. 114-0.

SHARES: The stock market witnessed another active week of trading. There were violent fluctuations all-round, and the tendency at the close was easier. Profit-taking was in evidence, particularly in the steel section, and Tata Deferreds, which had opened at Rs. 2022-8, dropped precipitately to Rs. 1847-8 and Ordinaries lost over 25 points to Rs. 381 at the end. Cotton mill shares, on the other hand, were relatively steady although in this section also there was a setback at the finish following the warning issued by the Finance Member to the cotton market in Bombay that the Government would be obliged to take steps to curb speculation in this commodity unless the market settled down to more reasonable basis of trading. Bombay Dyeings, which had touched Rs. 2040 early in the week, stood lower at Rs. 1922-8 at the close, whilst Centuries declined from Rs. 830 to Rs. 795. Central Indias found sellers at Rs. 487 as compared with the opening level of Rs. 514 and Colabas were marked down from Rs. 281 to Rs. 251. Kohinoors after being in keen request around Rs. 830 until mid-week, ruled easier at Rs. 794, whereas New Greats, which were bid up to Rs. 499 early in the week, closed easier at Rs. 468. Bank and Public Utility shares were comparatively steady with little price variation in the absence of any investment inquiry. Central Banks were quoted around Rs. 63-4, Bank of Indias at Rs. 165 and Imperial Bank Fully Paids at Rs. 1755. Amongst Public Utility shares, Andhra Valleys were quoted slightly higher at Rs. 1327-8, whereas Tata Powers eased to Rs. 1762-8 in the absence of much inquiry. Tata Hydros and Bombay Trams were also a shade lower at Rs. 189 and Rs. 148 respectively. In the miscellaneous group of shares, Associated Cements steadily lost ground from Rs. 234 to Rs. 224, Belapurs declined from the opening level of Rs. 248 to Rs. 235 and Bombay Burmas were quoted lower at Rs. 327-8 as compared with the opening rate of Rs. 351-4. Scindia Steams, after touching Rs. 30-4 early in the week, declined and closed at Rs. 28-10, whereas New Indias were inclined to be offered at Rs. 65-8.

CALCUTTA: In Calcutta, jute shares continued to rule firm until mid-week when a mild setback due to profit-taking temporarily checked the uptrend. Towards the close, however, there was a revival of firmer conditions. The turnover during the week was fairly large.

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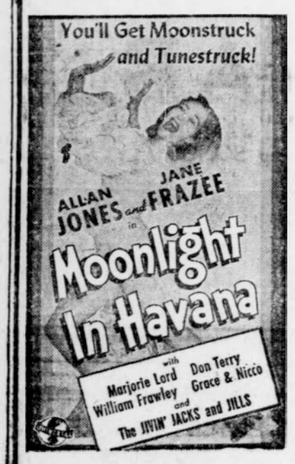

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INDIAN SUGAR REVIEW

Bombay, March 17.

Messrs. Parekh and Co., have issued the following report:—

Heavy stock position combined with the expected further heavy arrivals have created a flutter in the dove-cote of selected group of merchants who are enjoying a virtual monopoly of whole sale and retail distribution of sugar in Bombay. The position is reported to be of their own creation more or less because they did not raise voice against the requisition of heavy quantity of sugar for Bombay in expectation that Excise Duty on sugar would be increased in the new Budget and that they would be able to reap a golden harvest then. The Finance Member has done well in not increasing the already heavy Excise Duty and thus not burdening the daily budget for sugar of the poor and middle class people. Now the merchants are reported showing unwillingness to store further goods unless further increase in retail and wholesale prices is sanctioned. It is not likely that either Central or Provincial Controller will agree to do this as it will amount to looking to the interests of merchants at the cost of the consumers. The only remedy is to give licences to all merchants who had dealings in sugar in the past. Licencing system is already working satisfactorily in Madras. When licencing system for all merchants is introduced the evils of monopoly disappear. The number of merchants eligible for licence will easily come to say 100 or more and if every-body is given to store 200 bags, 2,00,000 bags can be stored with ease. There will be no necessity of increasing the price as the burden of carrying stocks will be lightened and well distributed and in addition every sugar-merchant will have his proper share in sugar business.

It is reported that Bombay Control Authorities have instructed mills to stop further railments. Arrivals during the week are reported to be about 35,000 bags. The offtake was reported not very satisfactory at about 1,200 bags per day on an average. Local stocks in Bombay are now estimated to be about 1,75,000 bags. Following are the current quotations:—

BIG GRAINS; MEDIUM GRAINS: SMALL GRAINS:
Deccan Mills Rs. 15-12-0; Rs. 15-10-0; Rs. 15-8-0 per B.M. ex-Godown.
U.P. and Bihar Mills Rs. 16-6-0; Rs. 15-4-0; Rs. 15-2-0 per B.M. ex-Godown.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 19.

After the close of the market yesterday there was increased selling and prices declined to Rs. 545 for May delivery but Sir Purshotamdas's statement checked the drop and prices recovered to Rs. 565. To-day the market opened at Rs. 568 and declined to Rs. 561. At this level there was some covering and prices improved to Rs. 570 and reacted to Rs. 566. Prices declined to Rs. 554 and improved to Rs. 561. The market was steady at this level. The market closed at 3 p.m. as under:—

I. C. C. March	Rs.	566	0 0
I. C. C. May		562	0 0
I. C. C. July		566	8 0

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, March 18.

May	20.06
July	19.93
October	19.73
Middling spot	21.83

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New York, March 18.

March	
May	20.36
July	20.25
October	20.01
Middling spot	20.81

NOON CALL.
New York, March 18.

May	20.14
July	20.00
October	19.90

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

JULY
New York, March 19

Previous closing	19.93
To-day's opening	19.93
Difference	nil.
To-day's closing	19.98
Difference	+.05

CROSS RATES
T. T NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, March 19
Previous closing 4.02
T. T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, March 19
To-day's opening and closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON MARKETS

GOLD
London Gold £8-8-0 £8-8-0
SILVER
Spot and forward 23 1/2d
CROSS RATES
London on Bombay 1-5 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers.
New York on Bombay (30-37) 30.37
DISCOUNTS
3 months 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.
SEEDS
Castorseeds Bombay March/April £36
Linseed Calcutta March/April £26 3/4
Groundnut Coromandal March/April East Coast Indian shipment £35 West Coast Indian shipment £36.
METALS
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 19

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:
General Motors dol 47 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 28
U. S. Steel Corporation dol 53 7/8
U. S. Steel Preference dol 115 3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 19

The London Stock Exchange was fairly firm to-day.

LOANS

3 per cent Australian Commonwealth £101 7/8
2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 1/8
3 per cent Conversion Loan £105 13/16
3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 1/2
4 per cent War Loan £115 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 5/8
3 per cent War Loan £101 1/4
4 per cent Victory Bonds £114

SHARES

Standard Motors 23-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 48-9
Electric Music Industry 22-0
Princhin Johnson 32-0
Imperial Chemical 39-1 1/2
Woolsworth Ordinary 60-1 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £78
Dunlop Rubber 34-9
Unilever Ordinary 35-3
Ford Motors 30-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £75 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordy £4 7/8
Carreas 'A' £6 9/32
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £7 9/32
P and O Defd 30-9
Distillers 85-9
Bredford Dyers 15-9
British Celanese 18-9
J and P Coates 43-9
Courtaulds Ordinary 48-9
Fine Cotton Spinners 15-10 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 19-7 1/2
Inter Nickels dol 50 3/4
Indian Iron 65-7 1/2
Assam Tea 20-0
Donaro Tea 35-0
Empire Tea 22-3
Barnagore Jute £7
Anglo-Dutch Rubber 14-0
Gula Kelampong 10-0
Rubber Plant 16-9
Nandydrug Mines 20-6 1/2
Burma Corporation 5-3
Rio Tintos £13
East Rand Properties £1 29/32
Rand Mines £7
Crown Mining £8 3/4
Associated Portland Cement 59-4 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 74-4 1/2
Sub-Nigel £6 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares £0 29/32
Union Corporation 146-9
Venezuela Persian Oil 33-9
Anglo-India 90-0
Burma Oil £2 27/32
Mexican Eagle 9-10 1/2
Shell Transport £3 5/16
Royal Dutch £24 1/2
Great Western Railway Ordinary £57 3/4
London Midland Railway Ordinary £29 1/4
London North Eastern Defd £3 7/8
London Southern Defd £22
London Transport 5 per cent £129 1/2
London Transport 'C' £55

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 12th day of March 1943.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES—	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	11,59,57,000
Notes in circulation	634,49,66,000
Total Notes issued	646,19,23,000
Total Liabilities	646,19,23,000
ASSETS—	
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000
(b) Held outside India	
Sterling Securities	391,76,55,000
Total of A.	436,17,98,000
B. Rupee Coin	15,58,50,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	194,42,75,000
Total Assets	646,19,23,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 67.5 per cent.

Statement of the Affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 12th March 1943.

LIABILITIES—	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
DEPOSITS:—	
(a) Government—	
(1) Central Government of India	15,56,05,000
(2) Government of Burma	29,30,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	12,33,41,000
(b) Banks	54,35,37,000
(c) Other	2,82,72,000
Bills Payable	2,61,94,000
Other Liabilities	7,38,25,000
Rupees	106,37,05,000
ASSETS—	
Notes	11,69,57,000
Rupee Coin	10,88,000
Bills Purchased and discounted:—	
(a) Internal	—
(b) External	—
Subsidiary Coin	1,99,000
(c) Government Treasury Bills	41,72,000
Balances held abroad*	84,01,60,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	68,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	10,00,000
Investments	5,06,35,000
Other Assets	2,26,94,000
Rupees	106,37,05,000

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 12th March 1943.

LIABILITIES.	Rs.
CAPITOL:—	5,52,50,000
Reserve Fund	5,75,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current & other Accounts	177,93,44,000
Sundries	93,71,000
Rupees	190,24,65,000
ASSETS.	
INVESTMENTS:—	Rs.
Government Securities	120,81,49,000
Other Authorised Investments	1,34,20,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	9,72,76,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	19,61,65,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	2,68,10,000
Dead Stock	1,74,06,000
Sundries	83,00,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	30,58,67,000
Balances with other Banks	2,90,72,000
Rupees	190,24,65,000

TASK BEFORE INDIAN YOUTH

Sir Ardeshir Dalal's Address At Osmania Convocation

HYDERABAD (Dn.) March 19.

An earnest plea for the promotion of feelings of toleration, mutual understanding and sympathy between the various elements that composed the national life of India was made by Sir Ardeshir Dalal in his Convocation address to the Osmania University this evening.

Sir Ardeshir paid a tribute to the Osmania University which had already succeeded in doing something that was unique in the educational annals of this country such as the imparting of education through the medium of Urdu, the creation of a bureau of translation which had already succeeded in translating the greater part of the books embracing practically the whole range of University studies from foreign languages to Urdu, and the making of physical education compulsory for all students in the university.

He stressed the importance of research in all scientific subjects. The wonderful resistance of Russia which had evoked the admiration of the whole world had only been rendered possible through its extraordinary scientific and technological development since 1928.

The lesson for India was plain. It must embark on an intensive programme of scientific and industrial development if it was to attain the position of a great independent country and to maintain it.

Referring to the international position vis-a-vis India, Sir Ardeshir said to us in India there is superposed upon the world problem our own internal problems which are no less difficult and distressing. Of the many lessons which the world conflict teaches us, I would select three, that unity is essential for safety, that the day of the small states is passed and that a narrow nationalism is a curse rather than a blessing."

India to-day presents a spectacle of discord, disunity and frustration such as it has not done within the memory of any living man. Democracy or autocracy, capitalism or socialism, disruption or federation, unity or discord, strife or peace, these are great and fatal issues, and these issues are before you demanding solution with an insistence and urgency which was not before the young men of my generation. Upon the courage, wisdom, foresight and toleration, with which you tackle these problems, will depend the advancement and happiness of your country for countless generations to come."—A. P.

ALL DUE TO INFLATION

Indian Chamber Chief Replies To Raisman

BOMBAY, March 19.

"I have often and often pointed out, while all this depression was on, that Government never cared to give relief to the agriculturists, and yet as soon as there is some opportunity for the farmers to get back a bit of their own and to get higher prices for their products, there is an outcry from Government quarters and all sorts of irrelevant matters like speculation, etc., are raised."

Thus observes Sheth Haridas Madhavdas, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, in the course of a statement in connection with the observations made by the Finance Member in the Legislative Assembly regarding cotton prices.

Seth Haridas adds: "As a result of the rising prices of cotton, Government are afraid that their plan to grow more food would be jeopardised. It appears that in this mood of frustration the Finance Member indulged in an attack on the cotton grower which is wholly unjustifiable.

There is also one factor which it suits the Finance Member to overlook in spite of reminders and that is the root cause of the present general rise in prices all-round, namely, the abnormal printing of currency notes, which phenomenon the Finance Member tries so complacently to explain away.

On the whole, therefore, I feel that the Finance Member has been badly advised in attacking the cotton-grower as the present so-called high level in cotton prices is not due to the sins of the cotton trade but to the operation of the law of supply and demand and other causes briefly referred to."

Indian Central Cotton Committee

Statement of Indian cotton (pressed and unpressed) consumed in mills in India. (Based on returns made under the Indian Cotton Cess Act, 1923, by mills in British India and on voluntary returns from mills in Indian States).

(In bales of 400 lbs. net).

CONSUMPTION

British India during January 1943 313,405; during January 1942 302,696; since 1st September 1942 1,399,482; during the corresponding period last year 1,444,412.

Indian States during January 1943 58,732; during January 1942 62,081; since 1st September 1942 273,098; during the corresponding period last year 296,385.

Total—India during January 1943 372,137; during January 1942 364,777; since 1st September 1942 1,672,580; during the corresponding period last year 1,740,797.

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London, March 18.

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(B) Other securities	£ 19,100,000
Notes, gold and silver coin	£ 24,100,000
Notes in circulation	£927,400,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	11.13 p.c.
(A) Other deposits include bankers	£156,100,000
(B) Other securities include discounts and advances	£ 4,100,000
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TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

BANDRA, Friday.

Makanji Kalidas Thakar, a proprietor of a grocer's shop in the Bandra bazaar, who was arrested on January 19, 1943, on the charge of keeping in his possession 10 bags of undeclared rice, in contravention of Government Notification No. 13 (b) of January 8, 1943, was acquitted by Mr. R. D. Mody, First Class City Magistrate, Bandra.

BURNING GROUND DISPUTE

Mr. R. S. Vyas, Resident First Class Magistrate, Bandra, delivered judgment in the Hindu Smashan (cremation ground) case, acquitting Lakha Dhulia, Shanker Maiji and Hira Narayan, all Bhangis (sweepers) of charges of hurting feelings of caste Hindu's and trespass.

This case when filed was looked with interest amongst members of the Congress and a Satyagraha was avoided by an article by Mr. Ghandi, in the Harijan, when Congress workers, it is alleged were informed by the late Mr. Mahadev Desai, to wait for the decision of this case.

The complainant in the case was Mr. Vishnu Balkrishna Paranjee, a resident of Vile Parle, secretary of the Hindu Smashan Bhumi Committee of Vile Parle.

The complainant's case was that the Smashan (cremation ground) stands on Survey No. 179, Vile Parle in the name of this Committee and the Committee pays for it to the Khot. The Smashan has a compound wall on all sides with an entrance gate. Watchmen are kept to look after it and they have been given instructions for opening the gate for cremation of the dead bodies of caste Hindus only. On August 20, 1941, the complainant was informed by a watchman that a dead body of a Bhangi was being brought for cremation. The complainant therefore sent his servant, but the servant returned and informed him that the Bhangis had gone away after cremating the dead body of a child by breaking open the lock of the compound gate with a pickaxe. The watchmen tried to stop them but a crowd of 20 or 25 persons went inside.

Several witnesses were examined and the Magistrate in delivering judgment observed, the points for determination are: (1) whether the place in question is a cremation ground, (2) whether the accused committed trespass, (3) whether they did so intending thereby to wound the feelings or insult the religion of the caste Hindus. His finding in (1) was in the affirmative and (2) and (3) were in the negative.

OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE

The Magistrate observed that from the prosecution witnesses, we learn that the Smashan ground had a loose wall in 1916 and a pucca wall was built in 1935-36 and since then a special watchman was kept. From the evidence of one of the witnesses the said land before 1930 stood in the name of an individual. After the revision survey of 1930 it was transferred in the name of the complainant and Survey No. 111 was assigned as cremation ground for Mahars only and no other cremation ground was assigned for other Hindus such as Bhangis and Chambars.

The Magistrate observes, there is an overwhelming defence evidence in the case, including those of Christians, a Parsi and even caste Hindus who say that they have seen the Bhangis and Chambars use this Smashan since last 10 or 12 years.

Concluding, the Magistrate observes, the most convincing evidence however is that of defence witness Mr. Laxmandas Paranchand, a caste Hindu, whose bungalow is situated at a distance of about 300 to 400 feet from the Smashan and is living there since the last 10 years. Mr. Paranchand says the way to the Smashan is just opposite his house and he gives lantern, shovel, axe or water to persons taking dead bodies there, if they require. He says he has seen Bhangis and Chambars take their dead bodies for the last ten years and has given them such articles when necessary.

The question of trespass therefore, does not arise when there was no intention on the part of the accused to commit an offence, observed the Magistrate, they simply wanted to cremate the dead body and exercise their right

Death Of Haji Ebrahim Moledina

Haji Ebrahim Moledina, who died early in the morning on Monday, at his residence at Raghoji Road, was born at Aden in 1873 and came to Bombay at the age of fifteen and joined the firm of Messrs. Abdullabhoy and Jumabhoy Lalljee who were military contractors to the Government during the Boer war. In 1901 he

Late Haji Ebrahim Moledina.

started his own business, and by dint of industry and perseverance he built up a large business with London, Aden, Makalla, Hongkong, Colombo and ports in the Persian Gulf. He, also, owned cotton factories in East and West Khandesh.

He was appointed by the Bombay High Court a receiver to take charge of and distribute the assets amounting to over a crore of rupees which he so successfully handled.

He was seventy years old at the time of his death.

PETIT FASLI ATASH-KADEH: Ceremony in connection with the Petit Fasli Atash-Kadeh Anniversary and Navroz Thanksgiving Jashan will be performed at Fasli Atash-Kadeh on the 21st instant at 10-30 a.m. Dastur Framroz Bode will give a sermon.

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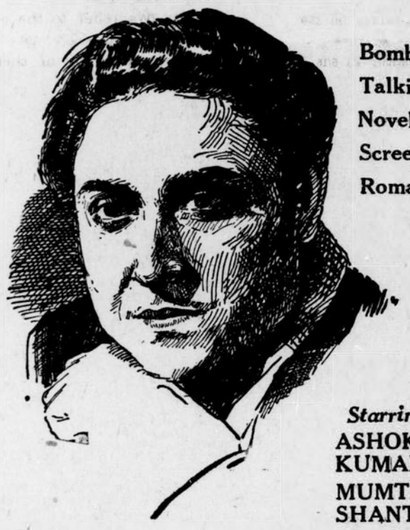

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CAPITOL—"Ship Ahoy" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Kismet" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. To-day and to-morrow 1 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Yad" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m. To-day and to-morrow 2-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Sunday and Monday 12-30 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10 p.m. To-day and to-morrow 1 p.m.
HIND-MATA—"Beti" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. To-day and to-morrow 1-45 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Pardesi" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. To-day and to-morrow 2 p.m.
NEW WEST-END—"Zamindar" 3, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EROS—"Marriage on Ice" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m. On Sunday and Monday 1 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Lalaji" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Farlad" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m. To-day, to-morrow and Monday 2-30
BROADWAY—"Chitralekha" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. To-day, to-morrow and Monday 1-45
EXCELSIOR—"Ships With Wings" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
STRAND—"No Limit" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SUPER—"Gora Kumbhar" 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. To-day and to-morrow 1-30 p.m.
EDWARD—"Naya Sansar" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m. To-day and to-morrow 1-30 p.m.
AURORA—"The Great Dictator" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"They Died With Their Boots On" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Khan-Daan" 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sharda" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m. To-day, to-morrow and Monday 2-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Kashinath" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m. To-day, to-morrow and Monday 2-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Pahili Manglagour" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. To-day, to-morrow and Monday 2 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Kaljug" 4-45, 7-15 and 10 p.m. To-day, to-morrow and Monday 2-15 p.m.
PLAZA—"Pahila Palna" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
METRO—"Mrs. Miniver" 3-15, 6-25 and 9-30

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

KIRTAN: Kirtan by Mr. J. B. Vatcha at Kapavala's Agiari, 5-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday). Miss Contractor.

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: Discourse in Marathi on 'Jnaneshwari', by Sri. D. V. Sabnis, at 5 p.m.

IDEAL MUSICO (MUSIC CLUB): Concert of classical music by Roshanara Begum of Bombay at 10 p.m. at Kitte Bhandari Hall, Gokhale Road Dadar.

A. R. P. MATUNGA: Mr. S. Ramakrishnan, Class III Instructor, will deliver a lecture on "Incendiary Bomb Control" at Ramnarain Ruia College, to-day (Saturday), at 21-15 hours.

HABIB HIGH SCHOOL: Annual athletic sports and physical training display at Cooperage Ground, Fort, to-day (Saturday), at 4 p.m. Mr. (S.T.) Mr. M. R. A. Baig, will preside and Mrs. Baig will give away the prizes.

RAMAKRISHNA VIVEKANANDA CENTRE, DADAR: Prof. S. V. Dandekar, will give a religious discourse in Marathi to-day (Saturday), at the Centre premises, 64 Portuguese Church Road, B.B. and C.I., at 7 p.m.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ, CHARNI ROAD: Divine Service, Sunday, 5-30 p.m. (S.T.). Minister Mr. B. B. Keskar.

KANARA SARASWAT ASSOCIATION: Under the auspices of the Association, Dr. (Miss) Sulabha Panandiker, will deliver a lecture on "Self-Education", at 5 p.m. (N. S. T.), to-morrow (Sunday), in the Association Hall, Talmakiwadi, Tardeo. Mr. S. R. Dongerkeri, Registrar, Bombay University, will preside.

VEERSHAIV TARUN SANGH: First anniversary, to-morrow (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m. at Dhuru Hall, Dadar. (B.B.C.I.).

MAZDAZNAN: The Navroz will be celebrated at Mazdaznan Hall, Industrial Assurance Building, opposite Eros Theatre, on the 21st instant at 7-30 a.m. Mother Gloria will preside and give a new year's message. Also special Navroz gathering at 6 p.m.

VIDYADAINI SABHA: The 22nd annual general meeting of the above Sabha was held on February 28, at the premises of the Lakshmi Insurance Co., Ltd., Fort. The total receipts for the year ending September, 1942, amounted to Rs. 1,371-12-6, while the expenditure totalled Rs. 628-5-0. Out of this amount, a sum of Rs. 139 has been paid as scholarship to the poor and deserving students and Rs. 41-1-3 has been spent on the library. The following office-bearers were elected:—Messrs. U. B. Thejappa (President), S. Mainda (Vice-President), A. K. Jathan (Hon. Gen. Secretary), K. Gangadhar (Asst. Secretary), R. S. Anchan (Hon. Treasurer), M. S. Rao (Librarian), K. T. Kotian (Asst. Librarian).

OLYMPIC ATHLETES' UNION: The Hon. Secretary of the Union writes:— The Sports' Committee of the Union have decided to organise their first annual Athletic Meeting on the 3rd and 4th of April, 1943, at the Brabourne Stadium, starting at 2-30 p.m. Athletes interested may send their entries through their Clubs affiliated to the B. P. O. A., or through their Unit Officers of H. M.'s Land, Sea and Air Forces stationed or passing through Bombay to the Secretaries, Mr. R. N. Utchil, 2/1, Zaveri Nivas, Kennedy Bridge, Girgaum or Mr. R. J. Mistry, "The Reward" 192, Tardeo Road, Bombay, on or before the 27th of March, 1943. Further particulars can be had from the Secretaries.

SOVEREIGNS SEIZED: Following the discovery of 281 sovereigns, hidden in the recess of a box, the Yellow Gate police arrested three persons, on Thursday. It is alleged that one of them was taking the sovereigns to Mecca and that Talif Haji and Syed Abdulla asked him to take the sovereigns to Mecca and sell them there.

The police arrested all the three persons under the Defence of India Rules and placed them before Mr. Kantilal Thakore, 2nd Additional Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade. They were ordered to be bailed out, pending further police inquiries.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 15, to-day (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) at the junction of Tripartite Road and Sewri New Road and go round with them in the Ward.

Maharashtra Lingayats' Education

The conference of the Maharashtra Lingayat Education Society was opened at Framji Cowasji Hall, on Friday. It was attended by prominent members of the community hailing from the various parts of Maharastra, Central Provinces, Berar and the Nizam's Dominions. After the inaugural address of Raja B. L. Sirdesai, who was unwell, was read out, Rao Saheb A. N. Kalyani of Karad made his presidential address. In the course of his presidential speech, he outlined the aims and objects of the Society, namely to promote the cause of education of Lingayats in Maharastra. Appealing for liberal subscriptions, he said that the funds would be utilised for the various educational activities of the community proposed to be undertaken by the Society. The conference will continue its deliberations on Saturday (to-day) and to-morrow Sunday.

Dramas In Aid Of School Building Fund

The students of the South Indian Education Society's High School will put on boards Vasanta Sena (in Tamil) on Saturday, the 3rd April at 9-15 p.m. (S.T.) and Kalidasa's Sakuntala (in Sanskrit) on Sunday, the 4th April at 9-15 p.m. (S.T.) at the School Hall, Brahmanwada Road, Matunga (G.I.P.).

The entire proceeds will be handed over to the School Building Fund. Tickets can be had in advance from the School Office and also at the counter from 6 p.m. on the day of performance.

No Wheat? Or No Will?

Mr. B. F. Bharucha writes:—

The Control Department has told the Jains, that they have no wheat to offer! And yet: (1) The Bakers get their quota! (2) Confectionery, which was banned, is still available! (3) Sweetmeats, which were prohibited, are still sold! and (4) So, is [illegible]

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BOMBAY BUDGET

The Budget of the Government of Bombay for 1943-44 and the schedule of expenditure authorised by the Governor are published in the current issue of the Bombay Government Gazette "for general information". As things are, the Governor has the last word in the matter, but he may not be utterly irresponsive to public opinion. The actual figures for 1941-42, the revised estimates for 1942-43 and the Budget estimates for 1943-44 show that the position is, like the curate's egg, good in parts. The accounts for 1941-42 show a surplus of Rs. 161 lakhs. This was due mainly to the allotment to Bombay of a larger share of the income-tax revenue than was expected, the better collection of land revenue as a result of higher agricultural prices and an increase of nearly Rs. 65 lakhs in the Excise revenue as a result of "greater demand for Indian made 'foreign' liquor, higher bids at auctions and larger consumption of liquor". The revised estimates for 1942-43 also reveal a surplus of Rs. 59 lakhs, which, too, is due, among other things, to an increase of Rs. 73 lakhs in the Excise revenue. This increase is largely due to "increased consumption of country liquor and country fermented liquor (Rs. 17.20 lakhs)" and "increased sales of Indian made 'foreign' liquor manufactured at the Nasik distillery (Rs. 48.09 lakhs)". Such large increases in this "tainted" revenue do little credit to a Government pledged to a policy of prohibition.

Coming to the Budget estimates for 1943-44, we note that they provide for a revenue of Rs. 1769.20 lakhs and an expenditure of Rs. 1768.74 lakhs, leaving a nominal surplus of 0.46 lakhs. The additional revenue accruing to Government on account of "relaxation of prohibition measures" has been estimated to be Rs. 28 lakhs in the current year and is not expected to be larger in 1943-44. So there is to be no reduction in the present rates of the Urban Immovable Property Tax. Nor is there any relief in the other tax burdens. The last two years' experience warrants the expectation that the liquor revenue as a whole will again show considerable increase but that will be swallowed up by the steadily increasing expenditure on the police and such other items of expenditure. We are told that the Province needs to build up reserves for meeting post-war problems of reconstruction and that temporary increases of revenue should not be used as a basis either for reductions in taxation or for additions to permanent recurring liabilities but should be diverted for future expenditure on post-war reconstruction. It may be conceded that fortuitous increases of revenue cannot be made a basis either for reduction in taxation or for fresh recurring expenditure. They may well be treated as a reserve for emergent expenditure. But we do not see why in these trying times the public should be called upon to build up other reserves for post-war problems of reconstruction.

A relieving feature of the Budget estimates for 1943-44 is the provision of special grants for some necessary educational and other nation-building measures. In this category may be included the provision of Rs. 10,000 for physical education in non-Government schools, of Rs. 15,000 for Mass Literacy Schemes undertaken by local bodies and private agencies of Rs. 50,974 for the establishment of a College of Nursing in Bombay and of Rs. 73,386 for the conversion of certain Taluka Dispensaries into Cottage Hospitals. These are all welcome allocations. But considering the vast needs of the province, the actual provision is extremely scanty. At the same time we note with satisfaction that the total expenditure on heads like Education, Health, Irrigation and Agriculture has been steadily increasing since 1939-40. Only that is no excuse for the forcing up of the liquor revenue by undermining the policy of prohibition.

Balancing Of Parties

Under the odd title, "Political Insanity of India" Dr. N. H. Vakeel has published a book describing the present "chaos" in the country, analysing its causes and suggesting a way out of it (Thacker & Co., Ltd., Bombay, Pages 95. Price Rs. 4/8). In the description of the chaos Dr. Vakeel says that "the political soul of India has gone insane" and in consequence "mulish obstinacy, abusive language and violence prevail." And in analysing the causes of this distemper he allocates the blame between the Congress, the Muslim League, the Hindu Mahasabha and the British Government. Many offensive things have been said in the analysis but we must pass over these to the suggested way out of the chaos. It is a constitution the essence of which is the balancing of parties, or rather communities in the Executive as well as the Legislature, in the Provinces as well as at the Centre. Another prominent feature of the constitution is the "doing away completely with the system of joint electorates and substituting instead purely communal electorates, reserving all seats in the Assemblies for majority as well as minority communities separately", the reservation on communal lines being extended to the Executive also.

The policy of balancing parties has often been suggested before as a temporary means of safeguarding minorities. But in the scheme under review the balancing is purely on communal lines on the basis of communal electorates, the Depressed Classes, the Mahrattas, Indian Christians and Parsis all having separate electorates with considerable weightage. The result will be that the communities may never agree to lose the weightage and thus communal differences will be accentuated and perpetuated. Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, who writes a foreword to the book, rightly points out that to make communal representation a permanent feature "will perpetuate the evils which Dr. Vakeel himself denounces." Dr. Vakeel condemns Pakistan and as an alternative to it the principle of balancing parties is certainly worth serious consideration. But it is hardly wise to extend the scope of communal representation to a large number of the minority communities. Dr. Vakeel's scheme is almost a *reductio ad absurdum* of the principle of communal representation.

Case For Clemency

The case of the four Kisan workers of Kayyur who have been condemned to death and whose appeal has been rejected by the Privy Council was the subject of an interpellation in the House of Commons on Thursday last. In his reply, Mr. Amery stated: "Remarks by the Sessions Judge that it may be that the person who dealt the mortal blow could not certainly be picked out or was, perhaps, not even before the court, has given rise to the wholly mistaken impression that there has been a miscarriage of justice." He then proceeded to explain that the act which extinguished life was the common intention of all. Now there is a certain thing as abetment or incitement to murder which is a lesser offence. But it is not our concern here to discuss the correctness or otherwise of the judgments of the Sessions Judge, the High Court and the Privy Council.

Granting that there was no miscarriage of justice, the remarks of the judge referred to by Mr. Amery render the sentence awarded to the accused as justice strictly according to the letter of the law. But, on the other hand, they constitute that extenuating circumstance which, transcending the strict letter of the law, justified clemency which, indeed, is meant for precisely this kind of case. We have no doubt in our mind that, accepting the judgment of the courts, the judge's admission entitles the accused to commutation of the sentence outside the law. The death sentence awarded by the courts may not be miscarriage of justice but its enforcement will certainly amount to a miscarriage of the spirit of justice.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Disappointing Situation

What is happening in Arakan does not alter our original opinion that the Japanese move is a strictly local and limited affair designed no more than to secure positions in the area favourable for waiting and watching. It is nevertheless rather disappointing that the Japanese should be exercising the pressure and the British forces compelled to "readjust" their positions. Nor has this double process been checked yet. The British entered where the fighting is now taking place some months ago. They had ample time at their disposal to consolidate and strengthen their line. Moreover, they had the support of the Allied air forces which were expected to interfere seriously with the movements of Japanese reinforcements and supplies. Yet, despite these advantages, it is the British forces that had had to resort to "adjustments" of their positions.

Tunisian Prospects

Since the present American drive in central Tunisia is revealed to have been promised by General Alexander a week ago and since this promise has now been allowed to be reported, one is entitled to think that the period of animated suspense is over and the Allies have now begun their decisive move. If this view of the position is correct, Tunisia may well become the centre of excited interest in the next week. As General Alexander's strategy has emerged so far, he would hold the Axis in the northern sector, and attack in the Central or the American and the Southern or the Eighth Army's sector. He has already struck in the centre where the Americans must make a good show because they are well-equipped and must have received powerful reinforcements in the last fortnight. What is more, having experienced a reverse they must be eager for their revenge. General Montgomery may also now launch his long expected attack on the Mareth Lines of which, indeed there are already some significant signs. Should the two armies, the American and the British Eighth Army, now only 100 miles apart, make good progress, Rommel would be caught in a dangerous trap. But this probably is looking a little farther ahead than is justified at present.

Magisterial Errors

In acquitting, on appeal, Mr. T. K. Veeraraghavachari, retired District Board Engineer, who was sentenced by the Lower Court to pay a fine of Rs. 75 in default one month's rigorous imprisonment under the Defence of India Rules for alleged violation of the District Magistrate's order, the District and Sessions Judge of Chittoor has held that the order promulgated by the District Magistrate in August last prohibiting the holding of any public meeting or procession by Congressmen and sympathisers of the Indian National Congress throughout the District of Chittoor until further orders was 'ultra vires.' The judges contention is that an order like the one in question must apply to all persons within a specified area without any distinction of creed or party and any discrimination "would be to set a premium on hypocrisy." This is a sound common sense view but is often disregarded by Magistrates dealing with Congressmen, real or supposed. Acquittals like this are few and one does not know in how many cases there has been miscarriage of justice. Cannot some of the doubtful cases be reviewed even in the absence of appeals?

Deadly Tentacles

Often enough the Defence of India Rules are grossly misused. In a Midnapore case just reported Mr. Justice Sen of the Calcutta High Court felt constrained to make some severe strictures against what he called the "pettifogging high-handedness" of the Magistrate. He said: "Prosecution should be instituted in order to punish a person for wilfully disobeying orders and not for the purpose of gratifying such exaggerated notions of Magisterial dignity as this Magistrate seems to have." Profoundly true. But it is difficult in these days to get out of the clutches of the D. I. R. or the vindictive vagaries of Magistrates. The Rules are deadlier and more far-reaching than the tentacles of an octopus. Even if a man escapes a prosecution, he can be jailed on mere suspicion without the least shred of evidence against him.

University For Rajputana

The project of a University for Rajputana anad those for several other Universities on a regional or language basis may lead some people to think that the multiplication of Universities is tending to go too far and beyond the financial resources of the country. But the schemes seriously proposed are not too many for a vast country like India. Moreover, a University need not involve enormous cost. If even some of the States of Rajputana join the proposed scheme, it should be a success and may help much in stimulating higher education in that educationally backward region. Else an experienced administrator like Sir Mirza Ismail, the Dewan of Jaipur, would not have taken a lead in the matter. He is so earnest about the scheme that he says: "Even if this undertaking is to be ours alone or almost alone, it is not beyond the resources of the State and its immensely generous benefactors of learning." We wish the scheme every success.

'Congress History' & 'Harijan' Volumes Seized

SEARCHES, ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS IN MADRAS AND KARNATAK

(THROUGH A. P. AND U. P.)

TIRUPATI, March 19.

The house of Mr. N. S. Varadachari was searched by the police and a letter is stated to have been seized.

A search was also conducted in the house of Mr. N. Varadachari, a Press Correspondent, and copies of "Gandhiji" edited by Sir S. Radhakrishnan and the "Harijan" volume of 1939-40 were seized.

HOUSE SEARCHES GALORE

CHITTOOR, March 19: The police searched the house of Messrs. K. Rajagopalan, B. Thirumala Sastri, K. G. Narasinga Rao, Press Correspondent of Chittoor, and of Mr. R. Ramaswami, a Congressman, but nothing incriminating was found.

The police also made simultaneous searches of the residences of certain Communists in various parts of the district.

TANJORE, March 19: The houses of Mr. Kesavan, a local Congressman, and Mr. S. Rangarajan, a former student of the Annamalai University, were searched but nothing incriminating was found.

Arrests Galore

BELGAUM: About 25 persons of Hosur were taken into custody on suspicion of being connected with the present movement. Mr. C. R. Joshi, a journalist of Kittur, was put under arrest. Five persons of Tiggoli were taken into custody. Five persons of Gandigwad were sentenced to 2 months' rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 50 each for taking out an unauthorised procession during Mahatma Gandhi's fast. One person from Kittur was awarded 12 months' R. I. and fined Rs. 250 for disobeying an order under Sec. 144, Cr. P. C. Several women and boys of Aktangarhal were sentenced to 5 months' imprisonment and fined Rs. 50 each in default to undergo 2 months' imprisonment on a charge of causing damage at Gokak. Five students were sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 25 or to undergo 1 month's R. I. in default for picketing in the local college compound. A 'chawadi' of Devalapur and a primary school building at Marakatti were damaged by fire. An armed dacoity was committed in the house of Mr. M. M. Kulkarni at Bedag, a few miles from Miraj.

SATARA: Bullock carts belonging to some merchants were waylaid between the Nagathane and Padali, a few miles away from Satara, and some cash looted.

Journalist's House Searched

TEDAPALLIGUDAM: The house of Mr. Gajapathi Rai Varma, a prominent journalist and businessman of West Godavari District, was searched but nothing prejudicial was found.

SURAT: For taking out a procession in the city Hasmukial Vasantlal was sentenced by the City Magistrate Surat, to six months' R.I Srimati Maniben was also sentenced to four months' S.I. on the same charge.

SEVERAL SEARCHES

NARSAPUR: The residence of Mr. A. B. Madhava Rao was searched by the police and a group photograph of Mrs. M. N. Roy taken with some citizens of Narsapur at the time she toured Andhra Desh some six years ago, was taken away by the police.

TRICHINOPOLY: The police searched the houses of Shrimati K. Parvathi Ammal of Kallar Street and three other houses and the office of the Tamil Journal, "Kala Mohini." Nothing incriminating is reported to have been found.

CALICUT: Two houses were searched at Chalpuram and some literature seized from one of them. Mr. D. Jayadeva Rao, a former Councillor of the Calicut Municipality was arrested after a search of his house.

CALICUT: Mr T. V. Sundara Siyar, President of the Kayyur Defence Committee in a communication to the Press says that since the Governor, the Viceroy and the Secretary of State have declined to interfere in the matter of request for commuting the death sentence passed on Kayyur prisoners, attempts are being made to petition His Majesty-in-Council, and the Local Government have been requested to stay the execution of the death sentence till the mercy petition to His Majesty is disposed.

"CONGRESS HISTORY" SEIZED

ANANTPURAM: The local police searched the Shri Sadhana Printing Office here and are stated to have seized a few books which included an abridged Telugu edition of Congress history. The residence of the Manager of the Press was also searched.

TEZPUR: A gun is reported to have been missing from Sootis. The Inspection Bungalow at Biswanath was set on fire but the fire was immediately put out.

JORHAT: Mr. Baikunth Shing and three others, Congress workers of Golaghat, who were wanted by the police, were arrested at Kamabandha.

SURAT:— Hasmukhlal Bansilal Calcuttawala has been sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment on a charge of leading an unauthorised procession. One Maniben has been sentenced to four months' R. I. for leading an unauthorised procession. A report received from Jalalpore says that dacoities were committed in the villages of Nani Tamboli and Moti Tamboli of Pardi Taluka. A report received from Broach says that Hasamali, a merchant, has been sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 500 on a charge of profiteering. A broad daylight robbery was committed in the village of Masra of Thasra Taluka, says a report received from Nadiad. The robbers decamped with some ornaments, property and cash amounting to about Rs. 12,000.

SATARA:— Miss Champavati Pendharkar was put under arrest at Karad. It is stated that some prejudicial leaflets were seized during a search of her house. About 35 persons including some ladies have been arrested at Kavathe in Wai Taluka.

'NEW ORDER WAS REVEALED 1,300 YEARS BACK'

Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung's Tributes To Prophet Mohammed

"There is a lot of talk about a New World Order. The new order was revealed 1300 years ago and you have to invent no new order you have only to look back to the teachings of the Prophet of Islam to find the principles of a New Order" was the observation made by Ali Janab Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung Bahadur Sahib of Hyderabad, while presiding over a public meeting to celebrate the birthday of Prophet Mohammed at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Friday evening.

The meeting which was called under the auspices of 132 Muslim Societies was opened by Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola and was addressed by Khan Bahadur Shaikh Ali Baakza, Khan Bahadur Mohamed Ali Allabux, Mr. H. S. Lakhani, Janab Shaikh Ahmed Ali Rasan, Mr. Prabhudas Mody of the "Sanj Vartaman", Hakim Mirza Haider Beg, Mr. Nasarwanji Engineer, Sirdar Harisingh Giani, Maulana Nazir Ahmed Khujandi and Mr. Zakaria Maniar.

The meeting commenced with recitations by Maulana Shaikh Ahmed Yusuf Madani and his party and other recitations were also given by Mr. Qari Abdul Latif Sahib, Master Molz, Prof. Abdul Qadir Rawnaq and Janab Mansar Amrohi.

Prominent among those present at the meeting were, Nawab Mir Suleman Alamkhan, the son of the Nawab of Bela, Kayamuddin Motamiyan, son of Pir Motamiyan, Salebhoy Saheb Sharifuddin, brother of the Mulla Saheb, the Consuls for Iraq, Egypt and Turkey, Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, M.L.A. and Mr. Aziz Gafoor Kazi, M.L.A.

MOVED WITH THE TIMES

Mr. Fazl Ibrahim Rahimtoola in the course of his opening speech said that through thirteen centuries Islam had stood the test of criticism and opposition. It was the most successful religion of today because it was the only one which had moved with the times. Islam was the only religion which had raised all members to equality. It was the first democratic religion.

They had a unique prophet, a unique book and a unique religion and therefore it was the duty of Muslims to conduct themselves in such a way that they should deserve to call themselves true followers of the Prophet.

NO MIXING WITH POLITICS

In conclusion Mr. Rahimtoola said that religion was a personal matter and should not be mixed up with politics. Islam was a religion of peace and all true Muslims must act in such a way so as not to give an impression that they do not wish to live in peace amongst themselves or with other communities or other countries in the world.

Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung in the course of his speech said that Prophet Mohammed was a revolutionary personality who wrought tremendous changes in the world by his inspired preaching. Born into a world of ignorance and darkness, he overcome every obstacle by his spiritual force.

Occasionally some prophets were sent into this world. They were equipped with a super-sensibility, a transcendent power of perception and persuasion and an intelligence and inspiration above the ordinary. Mohammed was the last and greatest of a line of prophets who were sent to the world to elevate mankind and teach them to realise their own spiritual selves. The earlier prophets had done the spade work and prepared the ground in which the Prophet of Islam sowed the seed which had now grown up into a magnificent tree.

FROM MULTIPLES TO ONE

The Prophet saw around him humanity plunged in darkness and worshipping the sun and the moon and even scorpions and reptiles. Then he gave to the world the message of one God and the equality of all men before God.

Mr. Prabhudas Mody said that if the doctrine of equality and brotherhood taught by the Prophet had been accepted as the law of life the world would have avoided the carnage and slaughter through which it is passing today. He also suggested that the acceptance of that doctrine would lead to communal harmony in India and without communal harmony there could be no freedom and no salvation for India.

MILE-LONG PROCESSION

A mile-long procession in honour of Prophet Mohammed's Birthday, started from Khilafat House, on Friday afternoon wended its way through Mohamed Ali Road, Crawford Market and other Muslim localities and culminated in a meeting at Chota Kabrastan.

The procession was led by Mr. Zahid Shaukat Ali, Dr. G. R. E. Shaikh and Seth Suleiman Darvish and other prominent Muslims.

Dr. Shaikh, Mr. Suleiman Darvish, Mr. Alvi and Mr. Shirazi spoke on the life of the Prophet at the meeting.

Mr. Zahid Shaukat Ali, Hon. Secretary, Central Khilafat Committee, thanked the organisers for the peaceful manner in which the procession and meeting were conducted.

DEWAS (SR.) TRIBUTE TO IMAM HUSSAIN

NAGPUR, March 18.

Speaking on the occasion of Imam Hussain's celebrations Maharaja of Dewas (Sr.) said: "Virtues admit of no barrier and I feel proud to declare that Imam Hussain is the greatest hero that world has ever produced. He is the living symbol of self-sacrifice, self-effacement, chivalry, and magnanimity. The concept of martyrdom is enlivened by his example.—Orient Press.

BENARES: A Nepali from whom the local police seized a revolver alleged to have been stolen from a magistrate's bungalow has been sentenced by the City Magistrate to undergo two years' rigorous imprisonment.

BEHIND THE NEWS

By D. F. Karaka

When Mr. Wallace, the U. S. Vice-President, started the fasion for referring in a casual sort of way to a war that was to follow the end of this war, he raised several issues which were premature. In the first place he presumed that in the peace that will follow Britain and America will become the dictators of the principles on which the democracies of the future will be run. Secondly, he presumed that the ruling class both in America and England would still be in a position to rule over the lives and destinies of the lesser people of the world. One thing Mr. Wallace gauged correctly—it was that if Russia could fight so hard for its principles, it was likely to fight for them even when opposed by the vested-interest class in the U. S. and Britain. Whatever is the ultimate outcome, it would be correct to say that the world, after this war, must plan towards a happier state of living—complete with sanctions that can come into operation, should any individual or any group of individuals or any state deflect from this course.

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The Finance Member, Government of India, said in that academic little Assembly of ours; (with reference to the rise of cotton prices) "They (i.e. the bulls presumably) have acted in the most anti-social way they possibly could. It is nothing less than economic sabotage." Sir Jeremy said it as if it had just dawned on him that the stock markets and the cotton markets of India have not an ounce of "social" feeling. The bombing of Calcutta meant nothing more to these markets than a tendency to become bearish and the whole of the North African and Libyan campaigns meant that it was the bull's turn. Even after the anxiety displayed by people about Mahatma Gandhi's fast, the day the markets opened—they were never really closed—cotton seemed to have recovered quicker than the Mahatma. The trouble is not with the operators and the people. The trouble is that Government's propaganda departments does not spout the right sort of things to make these people war-conscious or social. After four years of war and war propaganda, with all the great departments of Information and Broadcasting, the Government have not yet been able to convey the right impression about this war to the people of India. Change your men at the top, try and believe that you cannot run and win a war with mediocre talent, correct your mistakes even if it means hurting the feelings of some people and maybe you'll see a change in the cotton and stock markets of India.

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The "Chronicle's" correspondent from London wires to say that a large photograph of Mr. Churchill outside the International Artists' Exhibition has been tarred by Fascists. I suppose if he didn't use the name of the Fascists the message would never have been allowed out of England. Cleaners have now covered Mr. Churchill with a "red" cloth. It is rather cruel irony that Mr. Churchill should have to hide his face even unconsciously behind a red flag.

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There seems to be a feverish activity to put down on paper post-war plans. Mr. Eden has been rushing all over the American continent discussing these plans with all sorts of people. May I inform him that the Rotary Club have plans ready should Mr. Eden be interested!

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

The first reading was passed without division. Mr. Chattopadhyaya's attempt to delete from the Bill tobacco smoked in a 'hookah' was defeated, indicating the safe passage of the Bill.
—Assembly Report.

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India Command communiques report that in consequence of continued Jap pressure British forces have had to readjust their positions in Arakan.

It is, however, ridiculous—almost a crime under the D. of I. R.—to suggest that the Government of India would readjust their position under Indian leaders' continued pressure—sorry, appeals and pleadings.

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Mr. Churchill has promised M.P.'s a White Paper on India early next week.

The colour suggestive of whitewash is rather well-chosen.

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In the opinion of Mr. M. S. Aney, it is not proper to describe the present situation as a deadlock.

We agree. It's rather like a lock with the key in the safe keeping of Whitehall (duplicate in New Delhi).

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Mr. Aney also holds it as a duty of mediators "to create facilities for the detenus to study the situation."

Are the mediators expected to issue an order to the Government of Bombay?

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According to a Washington report, Mr. Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, met the Agent-General for India, Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, on Thursday last.

What instructions Mr. Eden gave can naturally not be revealed.

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President Roosevelt has appointed a group of American statesmen and experts to advise him on post-war plans.

The Viceroy of India has done better. He has called for the actual preparation of post-war plans appointing for the purpose, a strong group including such distinguished and able Indians as Sir J. P. Srivastava and Sir Thomas Gregory.

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Speaking on Anglo-Turkish relations, Premier Sarajoglu says: "....we regard the sincere words coming from London as an echo of our own words to London."

Neatly put.

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The London correspondent of an Anglo-Indian paper assures the world that "there is unstinted sympathy for the Russians" over the Donetz reverses.

There is one thing Britain will never stint: sympathy.

Points From Letters

S. S. KHOPKER:—

"There is only one Municipal Market on D'Silva Road and it is quite insufficient for the crowded population at Dadar. The public living between the D'Silva Road Municipal market and Mahim Bazar Market have got no Market and hence it is essentially necessary to have a market at Shivaji Park."

R. T. GOVERNOR protesting against proposal to levy a tax on dogs:

"But to say that on account of dog bite they intend to levy tax on domestic pets is devoid of common sense. On the contrary every encouragement should be given to the citizens of Bombay to keep a dog in their home to scare away thieves".

Our Readers' Views

"Finance Member's Threat"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—Bears in the Bombay cotton market will welcome with gratitude the Finance Member's timely warning to speculators. But, that apart, the action of the Finance Member is open to criticism in many ways. When the Government of India meddle in trade and finance, experience shows that the result has generally been detrimental to the country's interests. Whenever the State embarks on a policy against the natural economic trends, chaos and economic drain of the country follow in its wake.

Immediately after the last war Government was determined to maintain the artificial rate of exchange at 2sh. which resulted in frittering away the gold resources of the country. During the present war their silver policy is, in much the same way, causing a serious loss to the country, the extent of which cannot easily be computed.

Since 1931, the draining away of the country's gold reserves has continued unimpeded. When the share market collapsed Government blamed the speculators. Now when there is a boom in the cotton market, which should help raise the purchasing power of the cultivators, Sir Jeremy Raisman characterises the activities of the cotton brokers as anti-social and dubs them economic saboteurs.

But Government are blind to their own unsocial activities. They get their budget passed by a narrow majority of a practically unrepresentative Assembly. The Finance Department's policy, particularly during war-time, has exhibited little solicitude for the country's interests. India's interests come only second to those of Britain. Whatever may be their faults, Government are trading on their knowledge that they cannot be compelled to resign.

Sir Jeremy Raisman seeks to bring down prices of cotton but denies the cultivator a cheaper cloth. The prices of textile fabrics have risen 300 to 400 per cent. Consequent on Government allowing exports unchecked. On that basis the price of cotton can be permitted to rise to more than Rs. 1,100.

Will the Finance Member examine the activities of the U.K.C.C. and seek other ways of controlling prices all-round instead of putting all the blame on Bombay speculators?—Yours, etc

BUSINESSMAN.

Bombay Catholics Meeting

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

I was [illegible] surprise the letter of [illegible] of the 16th March, in reply to the report of the above meeting appearing in your issue of the 15th instant, which Mr. Alva characterises as "unfair" to him.

Mr. Alva says: "I was asked by the organizers to speak in support of the resolution....." In the announcement of the meeting appearing in the "Examiner" of 6th March, Mr. Alva's name figures among those of the thirteen "conveners". The public do not know anything of the inner forces that may be working behind the screen; but, may I ask, who are the "organisers" if not these famous thirteen? And this is but one of his inconsistencies. The first of Mr. Alva's grounds for supporting the resolution was: "If the Catholic Association was going to be a body of reaction then it would be better it closed down and not start work." I submit with all due deference to Mr. Alva, that this is in direct antagonism with the resolution tabled at the meeting and published in the "Chronicle" report "for the formation of the Indian Catholic Association of Bombay with a view to *safeguard and promote all legitimate interests of the community* and co-operate with similar institutions, Catholic or otherwise, for common purposes." (italics mine). For, hardly anyone will fail to understand that a provision to "safeguard and promote all legitimate interests of the community" smacks of reactionary tendencies. In the circumstances I am amazed that Mr. Alva, who all along gave himself out as a Congressman and asserts that "he has been a nationalist in jail and outside as well" could speak in support of such a resolution. And what else is this than letting down nationalism? I fully endorse the plea put forward in support of the amendment, that "by putting emphasis on safeguards, the Indian Christians were showing distrust which would rebound on them adversely."

If at all a Catholic Association is to be formed its aims should be (a) to abjure communalism of the type contemplated in the above resolution, for this preoccupation with "safeguarding the interests of the community" usually degenerates into a squabble for loaves and fishes, in which the few who are a little more unscrupulous than the rest manoeuvre for the lion's share, and which is unworthy of us Christians and the teachings of Christ; and (b) to organise the community to enable it to make its best contribution to India's progress. It follows, therefore, that the Association should align itself with the progressive forces of National India, those which stand for national unity and solidarity and work for securing to India an honoured place among the free nations of the world. And this can be done most effectively by propounding the political and economic principles of the Indian Christian community.—Yours, etc.

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Non-Stop German Counter-Offensive

Battle For Chuguyev Bridge-Head Reaches Climax

MOSCOW, March 19.

A tremendous battle has developed around the bridgehead the Russians hold at Chuguyev on the right bank of the Donetz.

The Germans have launched several attacks in the past 24 hours, massed tank "fists" succeeding one another in rapid succession. These non-stop shock tactics succeeded in one sector in wresting some territory from the Russians and this battle, one of the fiercest of the German counter-offensives that is now in its third week, is going on without respite.

The Chuguyev sector is vital for the protection of the left flank of the Russian forces around Byelgorod and Volchansk. Chuguyev is only 25 miles south-east of Kharkov. But every yard of ground between the great tractor city and this key centre has been bought at heavy cost in German dead.

The supplement to to-day's Soviet Midday 'communique' states: "On the Central Front, our troops after capturing the district centre and railway station of Izdeshkovo made a fighting advance and took several inhabited localities.

One of our units developing an offensive on the western bank of the Dnepr repelled an enemy attack.

In the area of Chuguyev, fierce fighting continued. An enemy attack was repelled, and five tanks were destroyed. In one sector. German tanks succeeded in pressing back our units. Soviet airmen destroyed or damaged 100 enemy lorries with troops and supplies.

South of Lake Ilmen our troops have occupied several inhabited localities; 800 of the enemy were wiped out and booty captured."

The Red Army's threat to the key rail junction of Durovo on the front west of Moscow was sharply increased with the capture of the district centre of Izdeshkovo, only ten miles east of it.

In a later cable, Reuter's Special Correspondent said that the Germans had been thrown out of several bridgeheads on the left bank of the Donetz. During the night and yesterday, heavy fighting developed to the north of Chuguyev. German wedges had been driven into the Soviet positions here during Wednesday night, but by double flanking attacks yesterday, the Russians were able to restore the original line and in some places even force the Germans farther back.

WHERE BLACKOUT ENDS

KARACHI: A Government notification announces that lighting restriction orders enforced at Sukkur, Jacobabad, Hyderabad, Kori and Tando Adam on 4th May last have been withdrawn.

AT A GLANCE

The great battle for the Donetz River, east of Kharkov, has reached a critical stage. Huge infantry and tank forces are engaged on both sides as the fierce tide of fighting sways backwards and forwards across the half-frozen river.

The position on all the three major fronts is briefly as follows:

Donetz: Russian forces have been pressed back in some places, though the issue of the battle is not yet decided.

Central: The Soviet offensive continues to draw the net closer around Smolensk. Distant defences of this great German base have now been reached.

Ilmen: Marshal Timoshenko has resumed his offensive pressing the Germans back in a number of sectors south of lake Ilmen.

RED OFFENSIVE MOVES NORTH

(Contributed).

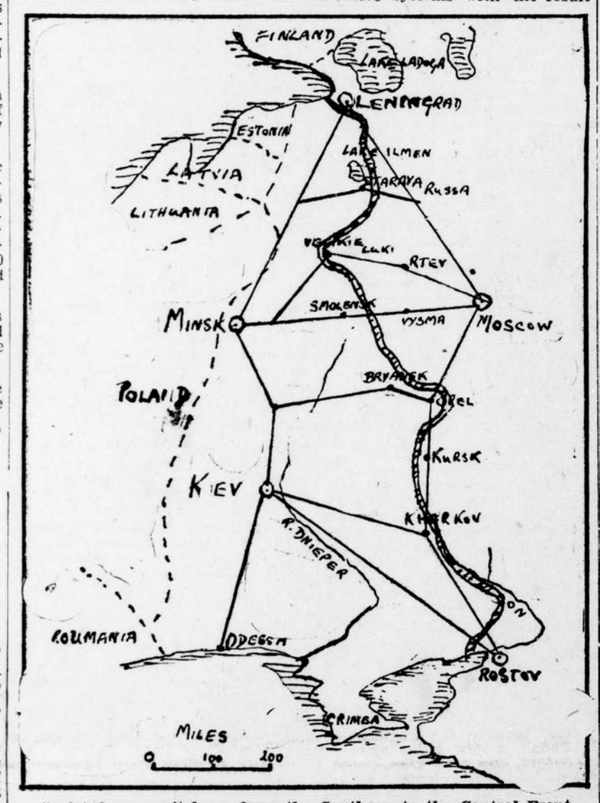
The thaw has set in on the Southern Sector of the Russian front. The Red Army has transferred its main offensive to the Central and Northern sectors. This—and not the capture by either side of this or that particular locality—is the crucial fact in the military situation on the Russian front during the past three weeks.

The German army and the army of the Soviets are both giant machines, but on a front which (even excluding the sector from Leningrad northwards to the Arctic) covers the distance from Kashmir to Cape Comorin, neither can attack with sufficient force on all sectors at the same time. They have to select the points at which their main thrusts are to be directed, concentrate troops and materials in those areas and restrict themselves to merely holding the remaining sectors. The outstanding achievement of the Red Army during the last three weeks is that it has succeeded in moving its offensive northwards faster than the thaw.

GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACK

It is now clear that the Soviet High Command, realising that, if possible, removed further back and the junction becomes only a terminus. It is the disorganisation caused by this which makes the capture of a forward base so important. Railway lines are limited, and the demand for their use by evacuated men and material may cause impossible pressure. In these circumstances, booty is taken by the Red Army. Even when the city ceases to be a depot or a junction, it retains its role as a fortress

Just as the German system of defensive positions is similar on Central and Southern sectors, so the Russian offensive strategy remains similar. Its keynote is its extreme flexibility. The switch from the Southern to the Central Front is only an enlargement on a grand scale of their general strategy of striking quickly on a number of different sectors and in different directions in quick succession. The aim of this strategy is always to cut the rail links so essential to the German defensive systems with the result that the enemy is forced to decide between evacuation, while a way of exit still exists and complete encirclement with a hope of relief later. As the crucial moment, frontal attack or an attack on a particularly weak flank is put in. This was the story of Kharkov. Kursk, Rjev and Vyasma.



Soviet forces switch on from the Southern to the Central Front.

If fighting were taking place in the Himalayas, then our forward bases might be Lahore, Delhi, Lucknow and Patna. From these, the important rail links would be those connecting these forward bases to rear bases at, say, Calcutta or perhaps Bombay. In the event of these lines being cut by enemy troops, the movement of men and material would become extremely difficult. Road movement would have to be resorted to and even with good road communications, this places a great strain on vehicles, petrol, etc. and slows up movement. If road connections are poor owing, for example, to bad weather conditions, the position would be even more serious. The capture of a junction such as Itarsi or Wadi is, of course, especially important, since it interrupts communications along more than one route at the same time.

HOW NAZIS WORK

Soviet strategy contrasts strongly with that of the Nazis. The Germans find the weak point and push all their efforts on to one small sector, penetrate deeply and then proceed to widen the breech and attack the flanks from the rear.

The capture of a forward base is important, not only because it deprives the enemy of a depot, a junction and a fortress and causes a strain on depots to the rear and on railway links, but also because it gives added mobility and additional bases for the attacking force. The significance of the capture of Rjev is that it was not only a break in the "East Wall" but that it gave increased mobility to the Red Army. It placed the whole 260 miles of the Moscow-Velikie Luki railway in Soviet hands and thereby strengthened the position of their advance. The capture of Byeli is important since it brings the Red Army to the North of Smolensk.

The Red Army is now threatening Staraya Russa, the German fortress—junction south of Lake Illmen, the great base of Smolensk itself and also Orel. The Russian offensive has not stopped: it has been transferred.

Allies Raid 13 Jap Bases

LONDON, March 19.

A communique from the Allied Headquarters in South-west Pacific states, Allied planes bombed 13 Japanese bases in South-west Pacific.

Thirty-eight tons of bombs were dropped in a heavy raid on Madang in New Guinea.

Hazare's Unbeaten Double Century

'Cyclonists' Put Up 446 For Loss Of Four Against 'Famine' Team: Gul Mahomed Makes 144

BOMBAY, Friday.

A splendid double-century by Hazare was the feature of the Charity Match between the Bijapur Famine Team and the Bengal Cyclone Team which began at the Brabourne Stadium on Friday. Gul Mohamed's was another bright innings which yielded 144. Their partnership contributed a valuable 300, which was mainly responsible for the tall score of 446 put up by the Bengal Cyclone Team, captained by C. K. Naidu.

The other team was led by the old veteran Deodhar.

The match was arranged by the Cricket Club of India in aid of the Bijapur District Famine Relief Fund and the Bengal Cyclone Relief Fund. Several changes were noticeable in the teams. Nisar who could not come was replaced in the Bijapur Famine Team by B. K. Garudachar, while the vacancy in the same team caused by Banerji's absence was filled in by U. Merchant. Jai also could not come.

C. K. Naidu won the toss and preferred to go in to bat. Meherhomji kept the wicket for the Bijapur team. Mankad and Mantri opened the game for their side, and Mankad facing Amarnath played out a maiden. Sohoni, the famous Poona bowler followed up from the pavilion end, and his bumpers were lustily cheered by the crowd. Mantri broke his duck by taking one off the fast bowler, and Vinoo coming back sent the same bowler to mid-off for the first four of the match. But the partnership was not to last long. Trying to hit Amarnath in the over that followed Vinoo had to return to the pavilion being clean-bowled (12-1-6).

After a beautiful pull in the slips which fetched him four, Mushtak tried to hit a bumper off Sohoni, and in doing so was smartly held by V. M. Merchant at mid-on (19-2-7).

Hazare now joined Mantri. Changes were effected in bowling, Garudachar and Amir Elahi being tried in places of Sohoni and Amarnath.

The batsmen now slowly came to their own and 30 and 40 and 50 slowly went up the board. With total at 58 Sarwate was entrusted with the leather in the place of Garudachar but the well-set batsmen remained unperturbed and score mounted to 60 and a little later to 70. The game was not completely under control and bowlers were treated with scant courtesy. Exactly after 100 minutes' game Hazare cutting a bumper off Sohoni for four brought the first century of the day on board amid vociferous cheers of the crowd. But this joy was short-lived, for in the very next over Sarwate got Mantri caught by Meherhomji behind the wicket (122-3-44). Mantri had played a dashing game. The partnership had yielded 83.

A GREAT PARTNERSHIP

Gul Mahomed now followed and played out till the game closed for the lunch. The score board then showed 123 for three wickets which included Hazare's 43.

Hazare and Gul Mohamed entered into a kind of hitting partnership, and their well-placed strokes frequently sent the crowd into extacy. Soon Hazare hitting Sohoni for four sent up his 50 on the board. 60 runs were added by the pair after 40 minutes of the game, the board showing 150 at this stage. 150, 160, and 170 flashed past the board in quick succession. Exactly at three Hazare stealing a single off Garudachar sent up on board the second century of the day. Gul Mohamed soon followed up, and driving Sarwate on mid-off for a single sent up his 50 after 75 minutes of the game.

Runs followed up quickly, and at 227 new ball was brought in and Rangnekar was entrusted with it from the Churchgate end. Hazare taking a single off him sent up his 90. At this juncture 80 were hoisted up for Gul Mohamed. As Hazare neared his century the crowd grew more and more excited. Soon lifting Rangnekar for four to long-on Hazare completed his 100 amid deafening cheers. At the tea interval the board showed 290 for three wickets.

DEODHAR TRIES HIS LUCK

When the game was resumed after tea Amarnath opened to Gul Mohamed from the end opposite the pavilion. Sarwate came from the opposite end. The partnership was now well-set, and to break it was a difficult task for the bowlers. Gul Mohamed hitting Sarwate twice brought the third century on board, and simultaneously brought his own total to 90. The partnership at this stage had yielded 200. Two more overs, and thereafter sneaking Amarnath in the slips for two Gul Mohamed completed his century after 150 minutes of his game.

The bowling stuff was exhausted and bright and fearless cricket was now witnessed on all sides of the wicket. At 5 o'clock 350 were signalled up with Hazare at 150.

When the score reached 360, Deodhar himself tried his luck with the leather, but to no purpose. Hitting still continued, and the end of the day saw the fourth century also being hoisted up.

And it was now that the partnership broke. The credit for the

BENGAL CYCLONE TEAM
(1st Innings)

Vinoo Mankad, b. Amarnath	6
M. K. Mantri, c. Meherhomji b. Sarwate	44
Mushtak Ali, c. Merchant, b. Sononi	7
V. Hazare (not out)	203
Gul Mohamed C. Amarnath b. Amir Elahi	144
Adhikari (not out)	12
Extra	30
Total (for 4 wkts.)	446

went to Amir Elahi, who coming from the Churchgate-end got Gul Mohamed caught off his very first ball, Amarnath making a beautiful catch on the mid-off (404-4-144). Gul Mohamed had played a superb game and in partnership with Hazare had added 302 to the total.

H. Adhikari joined Hazare who was now approaching his double-century. The young veteran was playing cautiously but firmly, and every stroke of his was cheered lustily by the crowd. His efforts were deservingly rewarded when pulling Elahi long-on for a clean four he reached his 200.

When the game closed for the day the board showed 446 with four wickets down which included Hazare's 203 and Adhikari's 12.

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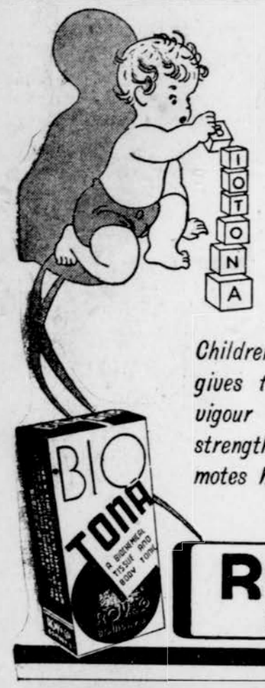

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Another Chatterji Story On Screen

Greer Garson in 'Mrs. Miniver' at Metro.

FILMISTAN MAKES A START

At Elphinstone Circle, opposite the Town Hall, Filmistan has established its administrative offices. The Bombay Studio at Goregaon has been taken over, and extensive repairs, alterations and extensions have been undertaken which will make it a thoroughly modern and efficient studio

Filmistan, of course, is the name of the new film production concern that Rai Bahadur Chuni Lall and Mr. Shashadhar Mukerji are promoting.

"Nai Kahani" Next Saturday

Prabhat's latest production "Nai Kahani" will have its premiere at the New West End on Saturday next.

Four well known stars lead the cast of "Nai Kahani"—Rose, Jairaj, Nandrekar and Banerji. The picture is directed by one not much known to-day but will be a cinema celebrity a week hence. The name is D. D. Kashyap.

Written by Ahmed Abbas, author of the 'Naya Sansar' story the scenario of "Nai Kahani" commended itself to Prabhat by virtue of its psychological insight. Being an emotional theme, it has been treated musically.

MOTILAL-VANMALA TEAM

Sobhagya Pictures have started shooting "Muskarahat", starring Motilal and Vanmala at the Laxmi Studios, Andheri.

Jamuna in "Jawab"—roaring success at Imperial.

Programme At Paradise

The Laurel-Hardy comedy "Chump at Oxford" will be shown at Paradise Talkies from Fri. 19th to Sun. 21st.

From Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th "The Thief of Bagdad" featuring Conrad Veidt, Sabu and June Duprez will be shown.

"THE TALK OF THE TOWN" AT NEW EMPIRE

Cary Grant, Jean Arthur and Ronald Colman are starred in Columbia's exciting new romantic comedy "The Talk of the Town", which is at New Empire.

"THEY DIED WITH THEIR BOOTS ON" AT PALACE

"They Died With Their Boots On", Warner Bros. picture which is at Palace this week, with Errol Flynn and Olivia De Havilland in the co-starring roles, brings to life on the screen one of the most stirring chapters in the history of the United States.

"SHIPS WITH WINGS" AT EXCELSIOR

Featuring the colour, the drama and the spectacular exploits of life and battle in the British Fleet Air Arm at war and made with official co-operation, "Ships With Wings" produced by Michael Balcon, is being shown at Excelsior.

"THE GREAT DICTATOR" AT AURORA

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Mrs. Miniver At Metro

By T. V. P.

Wartime England of the cities and villages is brought to the screen as a living, breathing, moving reality by Metro Goldwyn Mayer in their much advertised and long awaited "Mrs. Miniver" at Metro from Friday. Although avowed fiction it strikes one as a documentary because of its representative, living character.

The story centres round Mrs. Miniver and her husband played by Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon and their children. Their Oxford-educated son joins R. A. F. and marries a girl of noble blood, but their romance lasts for a very short time, the girl being wounded in an air raid and dying as a result. The cool courage that the family and their fellowmen display in the midst of air raids, their work in the Dunkirk rescue make life move before us in all its terrific reality. The village parson's brave sermon in their bombed, broken church is a very fitting climax.

"Moonlight In Havana" At Regal

Breezy, swift-paced entertainment seasoned with gay music, dancing and romance, sums-up Universal's "Moonlight in Havana" released at Regal yesterday. The gay new picture co-starring Allan Jones and Jane Frazee, is likewise more or less of an innovation in that it has a plausible, captivating plot, an item sometimes treated rather lightly in filmusicals.

"Marriage On Ice" At Eros

Another glorious, spectacular and equally hilarious musical sensation to come out of 20th Century-Fox studios is Sonja Henie's latest glory "Marriage On Ice", released yesterday at Eros.

The film is highlighted with heart-rending romance and side-splitting comedy. Sonja Henie turns in an excellent performance with handsome John Payne. Jack Oakie is another asset to the film as he fills the screen with continuous laughs.

Popular Second Runners

"Ten O'Clock" in its Marathi version and "Pahila Palna" at Plaza; "Pardesi" at Citylight; "Beti" at Hindmata and "Khandaan" in the 14th week at Chitra are quite popular attractions in the north of Bombay. "Chitralekha" is being released at Broadway from to-day and "Naya Sansar" at Edward Talkies at Kalbadevi.

"No Limit" At Strand

"No Limit", a British Distributors' release, starring George Formby and Florence Desmond is being shown at Strand for the first time from today.

George Formby is shown as a speed monster, who rides his motor-cycle amazingly in races.

"Ship Ahoy" At Capitol

With what appears to be effortless grace, Eleanor Powell cracks all dancing records in a group of striking new routines in her Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "Ship Ahoy."

Sonja Henie and John Payne in "Marriage on Ice" at Eros.

'KASHINATH' COMES TO KRISHNA

The film version of Sarat Chatarji's novel "Kashinath" was released yesterday at Krishna where it was given a rousing reception by all.

The New Theatres, who have specialised in producing Sarat Babu's masterpieces on the screen by giving us "Devadas", "Manzil" and "Badi Didi" have done "Kashinath" too.

Nitin Bose directed this picture and had four stars the well-known team of 'Saugand', viz., Asit Baran and Bharati Devi, besides, Sunanda Devi, Nawab and Nemo. Naturally, the film is a towering success. The music was in the hands of Pankaj Mullick.

"Fariad" In 2nd Week At Opera House

Ranjit's "Fariad" was released at the Opera House last Saturday and it was accorded a grand reception by the picture-goers.

"Fariad" is directed by Jayant Desai. It co-stars Ishwarlal, Shamim, Mubarak, Rama Shukul, Nur Jahan and others and its music is by Khemchand Prakash

"Pahili Manglagour" Prospers At Central

"Pahili Manglagour" is getting capacity houses at Central, even though it is now in the 4th week and other new pictures are on show. It is a perfect picture for Marathi knowing audiences in search of clean fun and laughter.

Rose and Nandrekar in 'Nai Kahani' coming to West End next Saturday.

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High-Handedness Of Magistrates Criticised

DEFENCE RULES MUST NOT BE USED FOR GRATIFYING EXAGGERATED NOTIONS OF MAGISTERIAL DIGNITY

"These Rules Must Be Worked Carefully In View Of Their Vastness Of Power"

CALCUTTA, March 19.

"The Defence of India Rules give very wide powers to the Magistrates and because of this wideness of powers given to the Magistrate the Rules should be carefully and cautiously worked", observed Mr. Justice Sen of the Calcutta High Court, agreeing with the order of Mr. Justice Edgley that the proceedings pending against the petitioner, Lt. S. N. Ray before the Sub-Divisional Officer of Midnapore under the provisions of Rule 75-A of the Defence of India Rules be quashed.

Mr. Justice Sen added: "The rules are meant to be worked for the purposes of meeting conditions which have arisen owing to the war. In my opinion, the Rules have not been worked on the present case with this object in view.

This prosecution is an example of pettifogging high-handedness arising out of the Magistrate's exaggerated notions of magisterial dignity.

"Prosecution should be instituted in order to punish a person for wilfully disobeying orders and not for the purpose of gratifying such exaggerated notions of Magisterial dignity as this Magistrate seems to have."

In his judgment, Mr. Justice Edgley stated 'inter alia' that it appeared that on October 30, 1942, the petitioner was served with a notice requisitioning his motorcar for Government purposes. In the petition of complaint filed on January 4, 1943, it was alleged that he had committed an offence under the Defence of India Rules as he did not make over the car as directed until December 23, 1942.

The case for the petitioner was to the effect that he was employed by the Bengal-Nagpur Railway and his car had been included in the railway A.R.P organisation as far back as October, 1942.

He maintained that the order of October 30 was ineffective, as his car had already been requisitioned for Government purposes.-

UNREASONABLE ATTITUDE

Mr. Justice Edgley remarked that having regard to the terms of certain letters of the District Magistrate of Midnapore on the subject, it was extremely difficult to understand why he should take any steps to prosecute the petitioner after the latter had surrendered his car on December 23, 1942.

It was difficult not to attribute the step taken by the District Magistrate in this matter at any rate to some degree to the unreasonable attitude which he had adopted on receipt of a copy of a letter from the agent, B. N. Railway dated December 23, 1942.

That letter of the Agent was a protest to the Provincial Transport Officer and a copy of it was forwarded to the District Magistrate.

The judgment added that the latter appeared to have taken unreasonable exception to the terms of the letter addressed by the Agent to the Provincial Transport Officer, and on December 25 the (District Magistrate) addressed what could only be described as an extremely discourteous communication to the Agent, in which he said that it was presumptuous on the part of the Agent to arrogate to himself the right to sit in judgment on his action and that "I am consulting my law officers with a view to finding out whether or not you made yourself liable to any action for having described an act of mine as District Magistrate as high-handed."

His Lordship could not regard this as a 'bona fide' prosecution, and this being the case, the proceedings were quashed.—A. P.

SHANTI BHATNAGAR ELECTED F. R. S.

LONDON, March 18.

The Director of Scientific Industrial Research in India, Sir Shanti Bhatnagar has been elected Fellow of the Royal Society it was officially announced to-night.

Fellowships are also conferred on the Director of the Department of Entomology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Mr. Patrick Buxton and the former Superintendent of the Geological Survey of India Mr. Guy Regtim.—Reuter.

Brazilian Ship Torpedoed, 131 Killed

Woman Afloat Struck In Face By Italian Officer

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 19.

One hundred and thirty-one people lost their lives when the Brazilian ship "Affonso Penna" was torpedoed off the coast of Bahia on March 2, according to an official casualty list issued here on Thursday.

The ship was cut in two by a torpedo from an Italian submarine at about 7 p.m.

The submarine then surfaced and fired two shells at the wreckage and lifeboats were packed with 151 passengers and 89 crew. It stood by without making any effort to help as numbers of people struggled in the water.

A woman who swam to the submarine was struck in the face by an Italian officer.

According to "Lloyds Register" the "Affonso Penna" was a steamer of 3,540 gross tons.—Reuter.

ORDER PROHIBITING MEETINGS & PROCESSIONS 'ULTRA VIRES'

Sessions Judge Acquits Chittoor Accused

CHITTOOR, March 17

The order promulgated by the District Magistrate in August last prohibiting the holding of any public meeting or procession by Congressmen and sympathisers of the Indian National Congress throughout the District of Chittoor until further orders was 'ultra vires,' observed Mr. W. O. Newsam, I.C.S., District and Sessions Judge, passing orders in an appeal today acquitting Mr. T. K. T. Veeragavachari, retired District Board Engineer, who was sentenced by the Lower Court to pay a fine of Rs. 75 in default one month's rigorous imprisonment under the Defence India Rules for alleged violation of the District Magistrate's order.

In the course of his judgment the Sessions Judge observed that it was not permissable or lawful under Rule 56 of the Defence Rules to prohibit public meetings by a class of persons described somewhat vaguely as sympathisers of the activities of the Indian National Congress.

The object of Rule 56 was to secure the Defence of India, public safety the maintenance of public order and the efficient prosecution of the war.

An order made under this Rule must necessarily apply to all persons within a specified area without distinction of race or creed or party.

It would be unlawful to discriminate between persons, to allow public processions or public meetings by persons of a particular way of thinking.

The Judge added: To discriminate in this manner would be to set a premium on hypocrisy and to import words into the rule which were not there.

Under the rule public meetings might be wholly forbidden or restricted, i.e., allowed on certain conditions, but no power at all was given to set a ban on persons of certain sympathies in the matter of holding public meetings. The Judge, therefore, held the order of the District Magistrate 'ultra vires'.—A. P.

Rationing In Mysore

BANGALORE, March 18.

The Government of Mysore has directed the constitution of advisory committees for several divisions in the city in connection with the working of the Rationing scheme in force.

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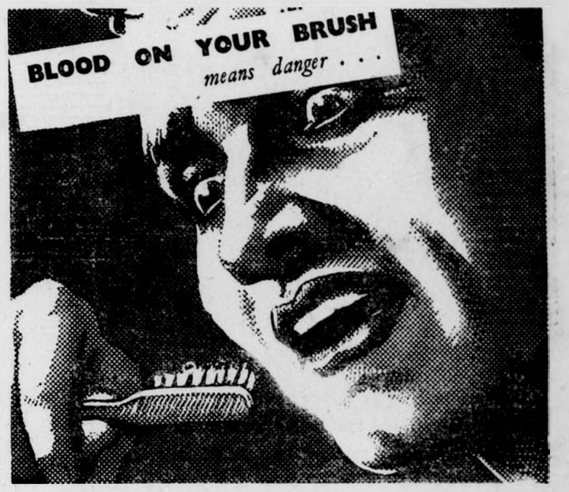

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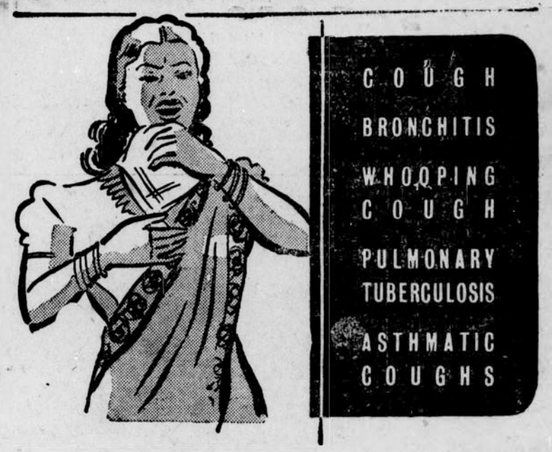

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RAJA GHAZNAFFAR ALI'S PLEA FOR ACHIEVING INDIA'S FREEDOM

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

LAHORE, March 18.

An appeal to Congressmen to come to a settlement with the Muslim League to win a National Government was made by Raja Ghaznaffar Ali, Parliamentary Secretary, replying to Mrs. Dunichand, Congress member in the Punjab Assembly to-day, when Government's General Administration was under fire.

Mrs. Dunichand whose husband had an opportunity of meeting Mr. William Phillips, President Roosevelt's personal envoy in India, the other day, made a short speech putting the Congress standpoint. She said Congress was not a party to the sabotage movement since August 9. She referred to Gandhi-Viceroy correspondence and said that Gandhiji was to negotiate with the Viceroy before launching any movement. The Congress was ready to help war efforts if a true National Government which alone could successfully defend country against aggression was established By putting Congress leaders behind the bars it was Government who had precipitated action for which Congress and Gandhiji were not responsible.

Appreciating this attitude, Raja Ghaznaffar Ali appealed to the Congress to come to a settlement with the Muslim League for which Congress must take the initiative. It was not President Roosevelt nor Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek, nor even Mr. Churchill who would give India freedom. It was a Congress League settlement that would give strength to achieve the same. Congress must approach Mr. Jinnah, Leader of Muslim India for the purpose.

BRITAIN DOING HER BEST TO SOLVE INDIAN PROBLEM, SAYS LEADER OF TURKISH DELEGATION

ANKARA, March 18.

M. Faleh Rifki Atay, leader of the Turkish Press Delegation which recently toured India, writes in the semi-official 'Ulus':

"In the darkest days of the war the British people did not lose self-confidence, although in many places—but not among English people—faith in British victory was shaken.

"Political leaders and parties were convinced that it would be illogical to bind the destiny of their country to that of the British Empire that non-participation in the Empire struggle would enable them to secure for themselves a share of the fruits of victory, or that the time had come fully to exploit the weakness of the Empire.

"Leaders of cool, calculated judgment, knowing that disintegration of the Empire would not bring them independence and that, to acquire new rights and privileges within the Empire, it would be a more reasonable action to take part in the Allied struggle, were unable to make themselves heard and were forced to bow to the majority votes of their parties.

"From two viewpoints this phase is now over. First no one any longer believes in the defeat and disintegration of the British Empire.

"Secondly, the British and their Allies have built stocks of every kind and type of war material in the Middle East and India, where they have succeeded in enlisting and training voluntary armies.

"In India military training centres established in accordance with the most modern methods are training hundreds of thousands of Indian volunteers for motorised and mechanised units.

"A point worthy of note is that political machination and initiations have not affected large popular masses—a fact fully borne out by the great numbers of volunteers applying at the military training centres every day for enlistment.

"The British are making all efforts allowed by war conditions to find means of reconciling, in a manner compatible with the interests of both sides, the integrity of the Empire with the national problems of the peoples of the Empire.

"For instance, with a freedom greater than actually exists in 90 per cent. of the European countries, the Indian press enjoys the right not only of discussion but of struggle".—Reuter.

Constables Arrested For Robbery!

HYDERABAD, (Sind) March 19.

Three police constables have been arrested for alleged committing of a highway robbery.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Claire Boothe commenting on Madame Chiang Kai Shek's speech to the U. S. Congress said: "Madame Chiang spoke in brilliant parable. She is too proud to beg us for what is China's right and too gracious to reproach us for what we have failed to do; but when she spoke of the hardship of our boys who were used to steak and now have to eat tinned meat, she told us, too, of the Chinese who were used to rice and now had nothing to eat." (China Information Bulletin.)

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Gladys (Sheepskin) Smith has again put in some good work and she must have netted quite a tidy sum for her pet cause judging from the success of a show she put on at the G.I.P. Institute, Byculla. The party must have been a success, judging from the free and easy language I overheard in the vicinity of the Gent's Cloakroom! Carry on, lady.

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In answer to the query about Sir Hugh Clayton entertaining more than 50 troops at the Willingdon, I have checked up and find he has the necessary special permission. Sir Hugh is a stickler for the law and would never break it.

A.-I. T. U. C. SESSION

BOMBAY, March 19.

Mr. N. M. Joshi, General Secretary, All-India Trade Union Congress, announces that the 20th session of the All-India Trade Union Congress, will be held at Nagpur on the 30th April, and 1st and 2nd May.—A.P.

Anglo-American Experts For India

WASHINGTON, March 18.

Sir John Duncanson who has just arrived in the United States is to head the Anglo-American survey of the steel situation in India, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The United States War Production Board has announced that the President of the Armco International Corporation, Mr. Earl Emerson has been appointed to represent the Board in the survey.

Sir John is due to begin his tour in April. The survey is covering production and consumption and the requirements of steel in the four dominions and is expected to take three or four months.—Reuter.

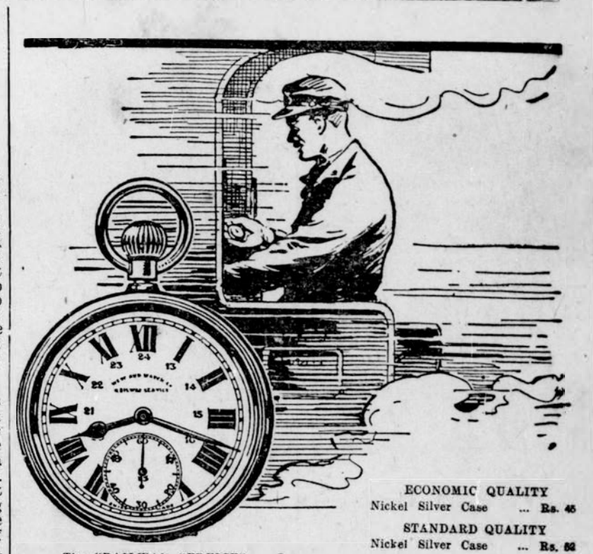
DR. B. C. ROY FOR DELHI

CALCUTTA, March 19.

Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy is leaving for Delhi on March 24 for attending the meeting of the Indian Medical Council.

SARKER FOR DELHI

Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarker is leaving for Delhi on March 23 to attend the annual meeting of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



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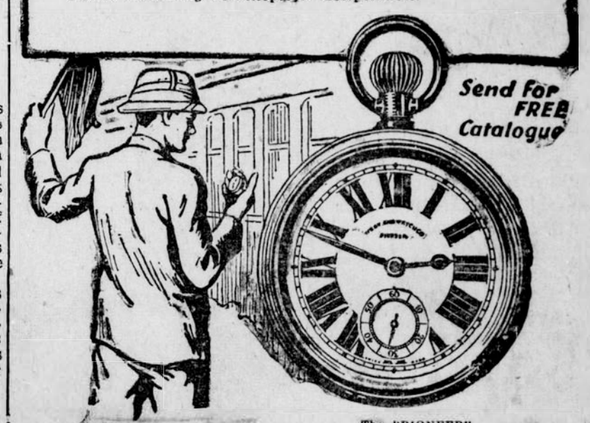

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